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Sniping empties Beirut's center

BEIRUT, July 31 (Agencies) — Sniper fire echoed through the deserted center of Beirut Tuesday after heavy fighting between Syrian troops and right-wing Lebanese militias.

An overnight clash with mortars, rockets and heavy machineguns died down in the early hours, but eyewitnesses said bursts of automatic rifle fire were continuing.

The right-wing Falangist radio said a man and his son were wounded during the fighting in the central commercial district, a shell-torn no-man's land since the two sides battled in the capital last October.

The battle was centered on the port area and the commercial district, main combat zones in the 1975-76 civil war which brought Syrian troops to Lebanon.

Red tracers criss-crossed the night sky and the area was lit up by the bright flashes of exploding shells. Reports of casualties were not immediately available.

The death of a port worker, killed by sniper fire earlier Monday, was thought to have sparked the fighting.

The port workers union called for a one-day strike Tuesday.

The Falangist-run Voice of Lebanon Radio station later accused Syrian peacekeepers of opening fire at Phalangist gunners deployed along the Christian side of the downtown Beirut.

The Syrian peacekeepers' command withheld comment on

the clash, which began at sundown in Beirut's deserted commercial district.

Phalangists fielded the largest Christian militia in the country's 1975-76 sectarian conflict against a coalition of Muslims and Palestinians.

In southern Lebanon, the Palestine Liberation Organization accused Israeli gunners Monday of intermittently shelling scattered locations in the coastal sector.

The PLO news agency Wafa said the Palestinian refugee camp of Rashidiyah, 86 kilometers south of Beirut, was subjected to an Israeli artillery barrage as of noon Monday. The report said gunners also lobbed shells at scattered locations in the Tyre area. No casualties were reported. Lebanese officials did not comment on the report.

The port city of Tyre, 80 kilometers south of Beirut, houses three Palestinian refugee camps on its southern, eastern and northern edges. Rashidiyah camp has 13,000 Palestinian refugees registered with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA).

The U.N. spokesman said Irish, Norwegian and Nepalese UNFIL troops had come under mortar and heavy machinegun fire from "de facto forces," the U.N. term for the right-wing militias, during the past 48 hours but there were no casualties.

Ali flies back to Cairo after meetings in Israel

CAIRO, July 31 (AP) — Egyptian Defense Minister Kamel Hassan Ali arrived here Tuesday from Israel after three days of meetings and talks with Defense Minister Ezer Weizman which Ali said "included everything I would like to see and hear."

Though Ali was critical of Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank during a tour of the

Israeli killed in stolen bus on West Bank

TEL AVIV, July 31 (AP) — A 28-year-old man returning from army reserve duty in the occupied West Bank was murdered Monday night after accepting a lift on a stolen bus, a police spokesman said Tuesday.

Passing soldiers discovered the bus with body of Yitzhak Trumpeldor abandoned near the Palestinian town of Kalkiya in the occupied West Bank, 15 miles northeast of Tel Aviv.

area on Monday, he said there were "no problems" between him and Weizman and said the two had reached complete understanding.

"For the time being, there are no more difficulties or problems to be solved," Ali said after a military ceremony at Tel Aviv's Ben-Gurion airport.

A joint communique issued after the ceremony said Ali and Weizman discussed the implementation of the military annex to the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty in "a frank, constructive and amicable spirit."

"Both sides understand the treaty and have undertaken to respect and fulfill its terms," read the communique.

After a tour of the occupied West Bank Monday, mainly by helicopter, Gen. Ali said that, as a military man, he did not think Jewish settlements in Palestinian areas added anything to Israel's security. He noted that Israel was a strong country from the military viewpoint.



IN EXILE: Shahpour Bakhtiar climbs into his car after holding a news conference in Paris Tuesday.

From exile

Bakhtiar lashes Iran

PARIS, July 31 (R) — Former Iranian Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiar emerged from seclusion Tuesday after disappearing during the February Iranian revolution and virulently attacked the revolution's results.

Bakhtiar told a press conference in a southern Paris hotel that predictions he made before the Iranian revolution that religious leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini would set up a dictatorship were coming true.

"But I do not foresee the magnitude of the speed," Bakhtiar said.

Bakhtiar disappeared in Tehran during the battle which brought Ayatollah Khomeini out of exile and back to lead the Iranian revolution. He was appointed prime minister by the Shah shortly before the monarch went into exile January.

Bakhtiar Tuesday refused to reveal any details of his departure from Iran or where he had been staying.

There was to be a minimum of discretion for the people who helped me," he said.

Bakhtiar said he had no contact with either the Shah or his successor as Prime Minister Mehdi Bazargan, but he said he had supporters in Iran with whom he was in communication.

He was elusive when asked about his future plans, but he pointed out that free French leader Charles De Gaulle worked from abroad to free his country during the World War II Nazi occupation.

Bakhtiar claimed current government policies in Iran were leading to economic catastrophe and that the educated classes would make it their duty to tell the truth to the rest of the people.

He said if the situation ever permits his return, he would organize a new referendum on the future form of government.

"I am for popular sovereignty, with the people freely choosing their destiny. What we are fighting for is liberty, in the full sense of the word, and independence, in the true sense of the word."

"I am a Social Democrat," he chose his politics 20 years before Khomeini.

"If after 1,400 years Iran has not yet become a Muslim country, it's too late now," he alleged. "Iran existed before Islam. Religion must not interfere with the state."

A spokesman for Bakhtiar said the former premier would shortly speak to the Iranian people "through the international media."

DFLP says U.S. trying to keep Arabs inactive

BEIRUT, July 31 (R) — The Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said Tuesday the United States was trying to lure the Arabs into inactivity and gloss over the American role in the Middle East.

The organization was commenting on a statement by President Carter's special Middle East negotiator, Robert Strauss. In an interview on Sunday, Strauss said he thought the United States would "get to the stage where we will be able to engage in some discussion with moderate Palesti-

nians."

A DFLP statement said: "This is part of the U.S. policy aimed at the creation of an atmosphere of quiescence in the Arab area instead of developing the boycott of (President) Sadat into a boycott of American imperialism."

American declarations were aimed at dividing Palestinians by classifying them into moderates and extremists.

"They also aim at glossing over and rehabilitating the American imperialist policy in the Middle East," the DFLP said.

Findley repeats call for PLO meet

By a Staff Writer

Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, July 31 — Congressman Paul Findley, the Illinois Republican who has held extensive conversations with Yasser Arafat, has once again attacked the Carter administration for its unwillingness to respond to overtures from the Palestine Liberation Organization.

In remarks inserted into the "Congressional Record" on July 25, Findley said it was "astounding" that the administration "would miss an opportunity to get firsthand the thoughts of a political organization which occupies a critical role 'in the Middle East.'"

The congressman — one of the few members of the House of Representatives willing to commit himself publicly to an American-PLO dialogue — said the PLO was ready to open direct channels of communication with the Carter administration.

He cited a recent newspaper interview with PLO official Abu Iyyad, in which the commando leader is quoted as saying: "I dare the Americans to meet any PLO representative openly or secretly."



Paul Findley

Findley added: "I have had direct confirmation myself on two different occasions of the willingness of the PLO to begin direct communication with the United States" — a reference to his two personal meetings with PLO Chairman Arafat.

"Anyone acquainted with the politics of the Mideast must accept the fact that the Palestine problem — that is, its insistence on self-determination for the people living within the West Bank and Gaza Strip — is the central, fundamental problem," Findley said. "He stressed that 'the PLO is the unchallenged organization of Palestinian interests,' and warned: 'The United States cannot do an end-run around the PLO. The PLO will not withdraw away.'"

The congressman said "at some time, direct discussions with the PLO must occur, and the sooner this begins, the sooner a just settlement of comprehensive nature will occur."

U.S. said formulating new territories policy

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The administration of President Jimmy Carter has given new assurances to Israel that there will be no U.S. policy shift on the Palestinian issue.

At the same time, American diplomats here and at the United Nations are trying to work out a resolution assuring the Palestinians of a homeland on territory occupied by Israel.

The resolution would also have to include Palestinian acceptance of Israel's right to exist, U.S. officials said Tuesday.

So far, the Palestinians have refused to recognize Israel. The Carter administration is trying to break the deadlock in order to bring Palestinians into the Egyptian-Israeli peace talks.

On Monday, the U.N. Security Council suspended debate on the Palestinian question pending the outcome of behind-the-scenes negotiations over an acceptable resolution.

Various drafts are known to be

Palestinians, Jews clash over Israeli land program

TEL AVIV, July 31 (R) — Palestinian and Jewish demonstrators have clashed outside parliament over Israeli plans to take over Bedouin land to the south of the Jewish state to build two air fields.

Members of the Knesset later postponed discussion of the issue. Justice Minister Shmuel Tamir was continuing negotiations with Palestinian and Bedouin leaders to try to find a compromise.

Israel wants the land in the Negev desert to build two airfields which will replace those it is due to

in circulation. U.S. officials said the final resolution would have to include two elements.

One would be Israel's right to exist, as stated in 1967 and 1973 Security Council resolutions. Harold Saunders, assistant secretary of state, assured Israeli Ambassador Ephraim Evron Sunday that the United States would insist on Palestinian acceptance, according to diplomatic sources.

In fact, the unidentified sources said, Saunders told Evron the administration would oppose any resolution that did not recognize Israel's right to exist.

It is the second part of the resolution — an expression of Palestinian rights — that is still up in the air, U.S. officials said.

Any endorsement of Palestinian statehood is ruled out. "That is simply out of the question," said one official, who asked not to be identified.

Israel and most of its supporters are opposed to creation of a Palestinian state.

Israel has added a note of uncertainty about the proposed

U.S. supports Sinai proposal despite Israel

WASHINGTON, July 31 (R) — Despite strong objections from Israel, the United States wants to go ahead with a U.S.-Soviet plan to have United Nations Truce Supervisory (UNTSO) personnel oversee Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai.

President Carter told U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim at the White House Monday that he wanted to meet senior Israeli and Egyptian officials soon so that the plan can be put into action, informed sources said.

A White House statement said the president would remain in close touch with Waldheim and his staff on the question.

Administration officials expressed surprise at the vehemence with which Israel rejected the U.S. proposal.

UNTSO observers would replace the United Nations Emergency Force (UNEF), whose mandate was allowed to expire last week after the Soviet Union threatened to veto any extension.

Some officials spoke of an "artificial crisis," and there was speculation that Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan was building up the issue in order to get back into an active policy-making role.

Because of his own illness and the appointment of Interior Minister Yosef Burg to lead the delegation at talks on Palestinian autonomy, Dayan has apparently played a secondary role in Middle East negotiations in recent months.

Last week Dayan was the first to hint at the usefulness of a meeting with Secretary of State Cyrus Vance to discuss the UNTSO dispute, U.S. officials said.

Dayan immediately accepted Vance's invitation for three-way talks late this week.

Egypt did not. Cairo supports UNTSO and told Washington it would delay a decision until after talks between the Israeli and Egyptian defense ministers, officials said.

As a result, the three-way talks will not be held this week. U.S. officials would not predict when they would take place, although diplomatic sources said they might begin late next week.

When the talks begin, the ministers will probably be told there is no real alternative to UNTSO, U.S. sources said. They said there is little foreign interest in establishing a non-U.N. force organized by the United States as Israel prefers.

Egypt has added a note of uncertainty about the proposed

meeting.

"We are not sure of the utility of such a meeting," Egypt's deputy foreign minister, Butros Ghali, told reporters in Cairo Monday.

He added that Egypt had already accepted a U.S.-Soviet proposal to replace the U.N. troops with unarmed observers and "the problem" is with Israel.

Despite Ghali's statement, a senior Egyptian official who asked to remain anonymous said Egypt "most probably" would send a representative to the Washington talks if certain unspecified clarifications were made by the U.S. government.

Meanwhile, the Security Council has put off a debate on Palestinian rights for nearly a month. Monday amid reports that agreement is being sought on both Palestinian and Israeli rights to statehood.

The council cancelled a session scheduled for Monday morning and announced its postponement until Aug. 23 at the request of the United States, Kuwait and the Palestine Liberation Organization.

No official reason was given for the cancellation. A U.S. source said only that the timing of the session was unfavorable in view of current Middle East negotiations.

Brazilians pondering PLO office

RIO DE JANEIRO, July 31 (R) — The Brazilian government has been considering a request from Iraq to let the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) open an office in Brasilia, it was disclosed today.

The possibility of the request being granted has prompted serious criticism from the large Jewish community in Brazil, and led some newspapers to speculate that the government was bowing to Iraqi pressure.

Iraq is Brazil's largest oil supplier, providing 40 per cent of its imports.

President Joao Figueiredo said in a magazine interview published Monday that he "ordered a study on the PLO situation in several countries and I received a verbal report."

After analysing these remarks I will see what is to be done at the moment I have made no decision."

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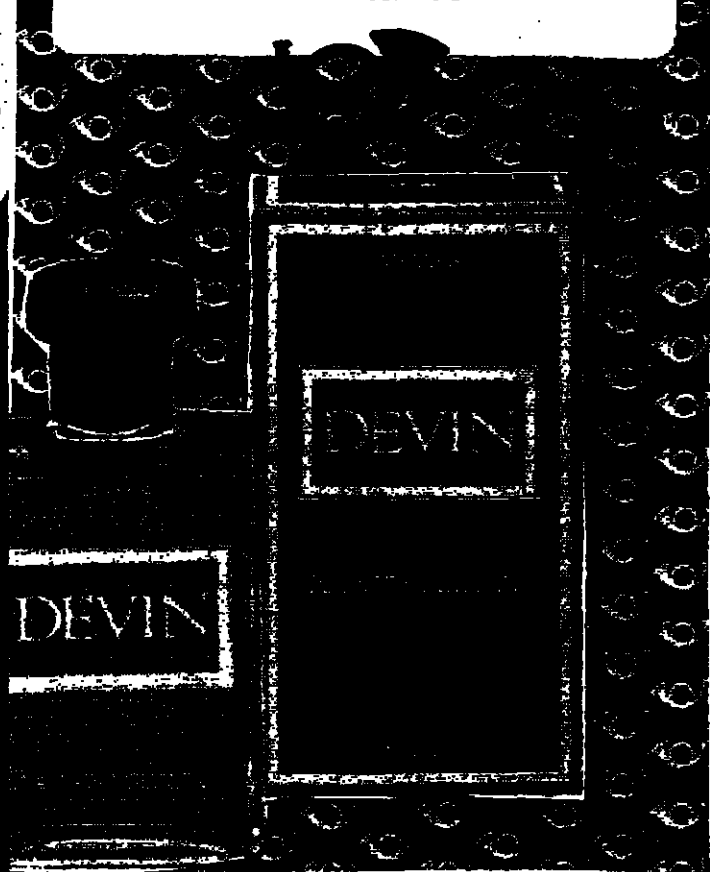


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Taif-Jeddah buses run Aug. 8

TAIF, July 31 — The public bus route between Taif and Jeddah will open Aug. 8, and there will be a bus in each direction every two hours.

The decision to open the line, the first inter-city route of the Saudi Public Transport Company, was taken Tuesday at a board meeting of the company chaired by Communications Minister Sheikh Hussein Mansouri.

The board also decided that the next inter-city route to open would be between Jeddah and Mecca, with a bus in each direction every hour.

From Aug. 13, that line will be a direct run between Jeddah Airport and the Holy Haram in Mecca. The timetable will be planned to coincide with Saudi arrivals.

It was also decided that comprehensive routes in Riyadh, Mecca, Medina, Dammam, Alkhobar, Dhahran and Jeddah will be provided within eight months. Services are also envisaged within Mecca during this year's Pilgrimage, and the board discussed plans for that.

"Al-Medina" reported Tuesday that 60 more buses for the company will arrive in the Kingdom Aug. 1 and a further 80 on Sept. 1.

Thereafter SAPTCO will receive 80 buses every month for use inside cities, under a SR148.7 million contract with the West German firm Neoplan for 500 buses.

A separate contract has been signed for the 200 buses to work the inter-city routes, with Daimler-

Beaz of West Germany. Those buses are to arrive before Oct. 15. The contract is worth SR84.8 million.

A Saudi company is building bus stops in major streets in Riyadh, Jeddah, Mecca, Medina, Taif and Dhahran.

The Ministry of Communications and the Municipalities of Jeddah, Mecca and Medina are discussing where to put the stops, and where to site depots, garages and workshops for the buses.

Housing schemes are planned for company personnel and SAPTCO is also renting office premises in each major city for administration.

The first SAPTCO bus ran on Saturday, and they are now serving three routes inside Riyadh. When they are extended, the small



Sheikh Hussein Mansouri

private Japanese buses will be taken off the roads and their drivers somehow compensated. The SAPTCO buses will charge a flat fare inside towns of SR1.

Against Israeli aggression

Fateh envoy demands help of Arab nation

DAMMAM, July 31 (SPA) — The Fateh representative in Saudi Arabia, Al-Natshi, has warned about the deteriorating situation in South Lebanon and called for an Arab summit to check "barbarous Israeli aggression against Lebanese and Palestinians alike."

In a statement published by the Dammam local newspaper "Al-Yom," Tuesday Al-Natshi regretted that while Israel was resorting to such hooliganism and committing the most savage acts there in a war of annihilation, the Arab nation stood quietly by, arms folded.

He repeated that there will be no bargaining over the principles of the Palestinian soil and a Palestinian state.

There should be more unity among the various factions of the Palestinian resistance.

On the slaying last week in

Cannes of Zohair Mohsen a resistance leader, Natshi said "we are all targets for the enemy."

On what he called the European change of heart towards the Palestinians, he said that it was owing to the organization's showing that the aims of the Palestinian revolution are all humane legitimate, gaining friends to support the demand for Palestinian statehood.

He described PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's recent visit to Vienna as a great move on the international scene.

Samir Akl
BEIRUT, July 31, (SPA) — The Saudi ambassador to Lebanon, Sheikh Ali Al-Shaer, Monday presented a check for \$100,000 to the president of the Palestinian Red Crescent Society Fathi Arafat.

At the beginning of July Saudi Arabia also gave the society

\$100,000 to help it continue its humanitarian activities.

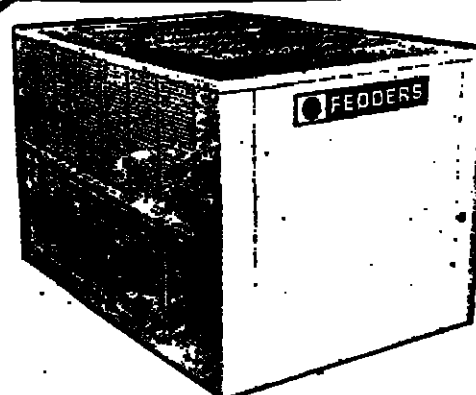
Shaer and Arafat discussed the distribution of food given by Saudi Arabia to Palestinian and Lebanese refugees in South Lebanon.

Later Monday Shaer presented a check for half-a-million Leban-

ese pounds to the Lebanese Red Cross Society.

They expressed their gratitude and admiration of Saudi Arabia's help to Lebanon.

The check was handed over by Shaer to society representatives, on behalf of the Saudi government.



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Work will begin soon on Baha-Tihama road

BAHA, July 31 — Work will start soon on the 60 kilometers Baha to the Tihama road, a project which could cost SR 450 million.

Nasser Badran Al-Ghamdi, acting road director here and head of the Engineering Department, said that studies had been completed. The road will be built on the pattern of the Taif to Hada expressway.

He told "Al-Medina" Tuesday that the highway, to be completed within three years, will have 22 tunnels.

The Tihama region is connected to Baha through Abha road at Birjuri and King Khaled Road at Zahran. construction there has been completed, except for the asphalt which is about to start. Ghamdi, noted that roads cut-

ting through the mountains will help the agricultural, commercial and economic development of Baha and Tihama.

In a separate report, from Riyadh, the paper said that the Ministry of Communications had begun several major road projects totalling 3,900 kilometers, linking 68 regions.

A total of 13 companies and contractors are connected with the projects.

Work has started on 890 kilometers of side roads in 50 areas in addition to connections in 35 regions totalling 1,600 kilometers.

Four international firms are involved in those.

Studies have been completed for a further 10,400 kilometers of road and bids will soon be invited for them.

At state expense

410 being treated abroad

JEDDAH, July 31 — The Higher Medical Authority, a commission which gives the final decision on the treatment of Saudis abroad at state expense, has issued visas to 487 patients in the past eight months.

The head of the body, Dr. Abdul Rahman Al-Suwailam, said Tuesday that there were 410

Saudi patients under treatment in Great Britain, 40 in Spain, 27 in the United States, five in Cairo, two in West Germany, one in Austria, one in France and one in Iran.

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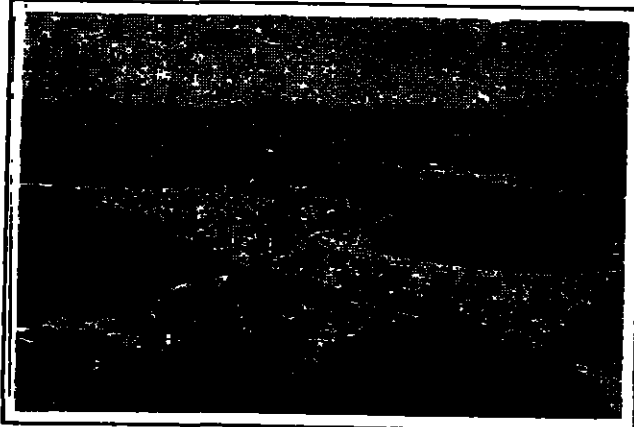
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Report reveals major flaws in U.S. foreign arms sales

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The Defense Department may be back with a more than \$177 million loss because it did not keep up payments on weapons contracts, congressional auditors said Monday.

The auditors said there have been serious problems with the foreign military sales program. General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, said in a report that the Defense Department did not follow its own policy of requiring contractors to cover all costs of a country canceling contracts as Iran did the Shah was deposed.

The GAO report "Defense has experienced accounting and financial management problems with the foreign military sales program."

The Pentagon had no comment. The GAO report notes the department is working to avoid loss on the Iran contracts.

primarily by selling the weapons to new customers.

The report recommends the department immediately begin collecting payments from other U.S. weapons purchasers to cover termination costs at any time, and suggests Congress might want to enact such a law.

Even though Iran would default, the report said, courts "may well" rule that the U.S. government is liable for any unpaid costs to U.S. contractors doing work that Iran contracted.

Because the U.S. government handles all weapons sales to foreign countries, the courts might rule that, in effect, the weapons manufacturers' contract was with the U.S. government rather than Iran.

The GAO auditors said they cannot estimate whether the United States will be stuck with any loss on the Iranian weapons because the Defense Department is trying to sell them to new customers, and reduce the loss in other ways.

As a result, the report said, only about \$2 billion worth of contracts remain to be settled from the \$12.6 billion Iran had when the Shah was overthrown.

The U.S. loss, if any, will not be on those figures but rather on the cost of terminating any Iranian defense contracts, the report said. It said the \$177 million would have been the potential loss if all work on major contracts had been halted as soon as Iran cancelled the contracts.

That is because the Pentagon estimates termination costs would have been at least \$817 million but only \$640 million was left of Iran's payments on the contracts, the report said.

The Pentagon's own policy requires that the payments be kept up to cover such costs, the report said, but "this policy is not always followed, as in the case of Iran." Instead of taking the loss, the Pentagon has won congressional approval to buy six missile-firing destroyers for the U.S. Navy after they were canceled by Iran. The Pentagon also is looking for customers for other weapons.

It is also negotiating with Iran on possibly buying back 80 F-14 aircraft sold to the Shah's government.

State Department spokesman Hudding Carter said Monday the talks had been going on for some weeks in Iran, and the principal issue was price.

The planes were sold to Iran three or four years ago for about \$14 million each, plus about \$6 million in spares. New F-14's now cost \$20 million plus the cost of spares and related equipment.

The present value of the Iranian F-14s would depend on the amount of maintenance they have received.

U.S. announces \$32m arms sale to King Hussein

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The United States plans to sell Jordan six F-5F training fighters along with a variety of weapons for \$32 million, the Defense Department told Congress Monday.

Jordan has been buying F-5 fighters from the United States for the past five years, and 83 have already been delivered, with another 21 in production.

The six F-5F planes are two-seat craft, while the other F-5 models in the Jordanian Air Force are single-seat planes.

The Pentagon said that, in addition to training, the six new F-5Fs will give Jordan a moderate increase in air defense capabilities. Part of the sale will include a 20MM gun for each plane, Sidewinder air-to-air missiles and other ordnance.

The F-5 is built by the Northrop Corp. of Hawthorne, California.



Ahmad Ben Bella

Ben Bella lives in limbo between jail and freedom

MSILA, Algeria July 31 (AP) — Ahmad Ben Bella, the first president of independent Algeria who was held under arrest for 14 years, now lives in limbo between prison and freedom, keeping a close watch on the events in his country and the world.

In a terse announcement July 4, the Algerian government said it had lifted "measures concerning the 63-year-old Ben Bella and allowed him to return to his house in the village of M'sila.

Alert, smiling and young looking, the revolutionary leader can be seen coming and going from his house, taking occasional trips by car in the M'sila area.

A beige BMW with red government license plates is parked in front of the villa, reserved for his personal travel, always followed by an armed escort.

At present, the man who had been referred to as "the longest-held political prisoner in the world," has accepted his new status with relative serenity, according to people close to him. The quiet villa is a definite improvement over the harsh, isolated regime at Chateau Holden Prison near Algiers where he was closely guarded by a battalion of armed men.

At the villa, "friends of the family" filter past the guards to see him. But no foreigners or strangers are allowed. Even his lawyer, Madeline Lafue-Vayron, must wait. So do hordes of journalists anxious to talk to him.

For having responded to a few questions by a French radio station, Ben Bella is now forbidden to receive any direct telephone calls. His mail also is censored.

President Boumedienne, who died Dec. 27, reportedly was concerned until the very end about the consequences of freeing Ben Bella, afraid of his popularity with the Algerian people. Benjedid Chadli, the country's new president, is thought to be willing to move him progressively toward full freedom, no longer regarding him as a possible political opponent.

Third World leaders including Presidents Josip Broz Tito of Yugoslavia and Fidel Castro of Cuba are believed to have made repeated inquiries about the treatment of Ben Bella, one of the leaders of the clandestine Special Organization of the Algerian Peoples Party fighting for freedom from France.

Who are these people who daily troop to M'sila in hopes of seeing

Jailed Briton's company denies bribery in Iraq

LONDON, July 31 (AP) — A British company whose managing director is being held in Iraq, reportedly on bribery charges, Monday denied authorizing payments to Iraqi officials.

John Smith, 38-year-old British managing director of the firm Hestair Dennis, was arrested by Iraqi authorities on July 12 after flying to Baghdad on a business trip. His firm makes specialized heavy duty vehicles such as garbage trucks.

An Iraqi News Agency report said Smith, from Guildford in Surrey, was caught red-handed attempting to bribe an unidentified Iraqi official to procure a commercial transaction.

"The company would like to confirm that the board of Hestair Dennis has never authorized any payments to officials in Iraq."

A Hestair Dennis official, who declined to be named, said Smith had asked for legal representation and that "every effort" was being made to get him a lawyer.

Millionaire legislator in Israel may be tried for election fraud

TEL AVIV, July 31 (AP) — An Israeli parliament committee recommended Wednesday night that Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Mordechai be stripped of his parliamentary immunity so he can stand trial on charges of vote-buying during the 1977 election, Israel Radio reported.

Flatto-Sharon, a rich financier, ran for parliament to avoid extradition to France on fraud and tax evasion charges. The parliamentary action would allow the controversial millionaire to stand trial in Israel, but he could not be extradited to France.

According to the state radio, the vote in the parliament's House Committee was 15-4. The full Knesset must approve the recommendation, and a vote was expected Wednesday by secret ballot.

Two months ago, Israel's attorney general concluded a long investigation into the vote-buying allegations and presented Flatto-Sharon with a charge sheet, the equivalent here of an indictment. But legal action could not proceed until parliamentary immunity was lifted.

The felony charge, which Flatto-Sharon has strenuously denied, carries maximum penalty of five years in prison and a \$1,000 fine.

Israel Radio said Flatto-Sharon responded to the committee's decision by vowing to include in his trial all the actions of political parties since the state was founded.

The 49-year-old financier is a one-man party in parliament and is shunned by many of his colleagues who consider him an embarrassment.

Self-exiled aide urges Sadat trial

ALGIERS, July 31 (R) — Egypt's self-exiled former Chief of Staff Saad el Shazly has asked Egyptian officials to prosecute President Anwar Sadat for alleged "crimes" committed during the October 1973 war with Israel.

In a letter to the Egyptian chief prosecutor Gen. Shazly said President Sadat "refused to comply with much good advice" from his senior officers during the war.

French authorities allege that Flatto-Sharon's six figure fortune stems from a massive swindle in the early 1970s that caused the collapse of a large insurance company in Uganda to hunt for Ili A min.

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Three-day-old government

Ram challenges Singh to confidence vote

NEW DELHI, July 31 (Agencies) — Indian opposition leader Jagjivan Ram is pressing for a swift confidence vote in parliament because he is confident he can defeat the three-day-old government of Prime minister Charan Singh.

The new government promised Monday to make its impact felt within 100 days, but President Sanjiva Reddy has said it should seek a vote of confidence by the third week of August.

Singh, 76, was to have chaired his first cabinet meeting Tuesday and Finance Minister Hemwati Bahuguna said Monday night the government's immediate task was to check inflation, running at about 10 per cent a year.

Singh has said his government will give the highest priority to the fight against poverty and unemployment but some see his first task as surviving in parliament.

Ram said the government should test its strength in parliament at once. He said he could form an administration after Singh's was defeated.

But the chairman of the ruling Janata (Secular) Party questioned the right of the president to direct when a confidence vote should be held and constitutional experts are divided on whether the president's advice is binding.

Singh, who regards himself as a friend of the small farmers and wants to do more for the villages where 80 per cent of Indians live, is waiting to see whether two regional parties will support his administration and possibly join it.

The new government includes a new ministry for rural reconstruction. More than half of India's 650 million people live below the poverty line and the registered number of job seekers was 12.5 million last year.

The prime minister Monday named more of his cabinet, which now totals 19 members and further government appointments are expected shortly.

The cabinet includes three Muslims for the first time.

The oath of office was administered Monday to an additional 10 ministers, including all six who

had balked at being sworn in with Singh last Saturday because of disension within the Congress Party, a major coalition partner.

This brought to 69 the strength of the cabinet headed by Prime minister Singh, 76-year-old former country lawyer and rural bloc leader, and Deputy Prime Minister and Home Affairs Minister Y. B. Chavan, 66. Chavan was foreign minister of Mrs. Gandhi's government when it fell in 1977.

Singh and nine others belong to the prime minister's Janata Secular Party, composed of defectors from Desai's fallen Janata Party

government.

Eight ministers belong to Chavan's Congress Party, which was in opposition until it threw its support last week to Singh, enabling him to form the government.

The 19th minister was former Supreme Court Justice H.R. Khanna, who was appointed minister of law, justice and company affairs.

He was the only justice dissenting when the highest court in 1975 acquiesced in allowing Mrs. Gandhi's government to suspend habeas corpus.

The new minister of labor is Muhammad Shafi Qureshi, 49, who has represented India at numerous foreign economic conferences and was deputy minister of commerce, steel and heavy engineering and railways under Mrs. Gandhi. He was reportedly included in the cabinet after staging a walkout from a Congress Party caucus last weekend, protesting under-representation of Muslims and other minorities.

Another Muslim, Zulfiqarulla, 66, was named minister of communications. He defected from the post of deputy finance minister in the Desai government.

Rabi Ray, 53, the first top official to defect from the old government, was returned to his post as minister of health.

Another Janata defector, Purushottam Kaushik, 49, assumed the key post of minister of information and broadcasting. He had been minister of civil aviation and tourism, which went to Fazlur Rahman, deputy minister of energy under Desai.

Hindara Desai, 63, the new commerce minister, is a former chief minister of Gujarat and was minister of public work and housing under Mrs. Gandhi.

House-Senate unit drafts compromise on Rhodesia

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — A House-Senate conference committee agreed Monday on compromise legislation that might eventually lead to the lifting of sanctions against Rhodesia.

The compromise language forged by an unusual coalition of conservatives and liberals requires President Carter to continue "efforts to promote a speedy end to the Rhodesian conflict" and to end sanctions by Nov. 15, unless he finds doing so would be contrary to the national interest.

But the conferees also gave Congress the right to overturn a presidential decision to retain sanctions by a majority vote in both houses.

Sen. Jesse Helms, (R-North Carolina) said the move "sends a clear signal to Zimbabwe

Rhodesia that the United States is dealing in good faith with them and that sanctions soon will be lifted."

Rep. Stephen Solarz, (D-New York) chairman of the House African Affairs Subcommittee, who opposes lifting sanctions immediately, called the compromise "creative and constructive."

"Most important it provides for continuing of sanctions until the president decides it would be in our national interest to lift them," Solarz said.

House aides pointed out that attempts to lift sanctions have been defeated in the House by large margins and that as a result it might well prove difficult to muster even a bare majority to overturn a presidential determination that the sanctions should be continued.

The compromise was attached to a \$1.6 billion State Department authorization bill. The conference committee's action must now be approved by both houses.



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U.K. urges Soviets to end row over 'harassment' of newsmen

LONDON, July 31 (Agencies) — Britain's Foreign Office Monday called in the Soviet charge d'affaires to make representations on the case of David Satter, the Moscow correspondent of the "Financial Times," and said the matter had a bearing on Anglo-Soviet relations.

Satter, an American, has worked in Moscow since 1976. This month Soviet authorities told him his accreditation would be renewed only for six weeks. The "Financial Times" has said he has been harassed.

The Foreign Office said Charge d'Affaires Vladimir Keline was called to see a senior official, Julian Bullard, to be told that Britain hoped the accreditation problem would be quickly and satisfactorily resolved.

The "Financial Times" in a front page report on July 27 said that Satter had been "a victim of what can only be described as harassment."

Monday Bullard reiterated to Keline that it was essential that Satter was now accorded proper accreditation so he could do his job in reasonable conditions and in accordance with the 1975 Helsinki declaration.

This European security conference declaration on East-West détente and human rights also cal-

led for improvement in the working conditions of foreign journalists in the 35 signatory states.

The Foreign Office said that Bullard also emphasized the importance that Britain attached to the principle of reciprocity in relation to the handling of journalists. Britain proposed to observe this principle.

The Soviet government newspaper "Izvestia" said Monday charges that Soviet authorities were harassing Satter were a "false hullabaloo."

But the newspaper repeated accusations made against Satter, 31, of Chicago by the Soviet Foreign Ministry that he has violated the "laws and social order" of the USSR.

Satter, who has headed his paper's bureau here since 1976, was informed by Soviet authorities this month that his accreditation would be renewed only for six weeks until Aug. 19. Loss of his accreditation would prevent Satter from working as a Moscow correspondent and be tantamount to expulsion.

The U.S. and British Embassies have separately urged Soviet authorities not to withdraw Satter's accreditation, warning it could lead to retaliatory action against Soviet journalists working in England or the United States.

"Izvestia" wrote, "Correspondent David Satter is not a 'victim' of any 'intimidation' in the USSR. Nobody has hurt him, and as a matter of fact the situation is quite the opposite way round."

The newspaper reiterated accusations made by the Foreign Ministry that Satter allegedly violated traffic rules in Moscow "creating thereby potentially dangerous situations," drove without a driver's license and "started a fight" with a militiaman.

The newspaper claimed the incidents are recorded in a report filed by a district of the Department of Internal Affairs.

Satter has denied the charges. "Instead of somehow quieting down and bringing to reason its unbridled correspondent, who obviously discredits it, a respectable British newspaper raises a false cry about intimidation and even accuses Soviet authorities of violating the final act of the 1975 Helsinki conference," "Izvestia" said.

"What have the Helsinki accords to do with this?" The newspaper declared that the accords "do not say anything about the need for a signatory state to tolerate violations of its laws and regulations by a foreign correspondent."

SALT won't 'tranquelize' U.S., Vance tells panel

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — Secretary of State Cyrus Vance said Monday the United States will not be "tranquilized" by the SALT II treaty and will work hard to meet an unfulfilled pledge to increase defense spending by 3 per cent a year.

Even as Vance sought to reassure Senate Armed Service Committee members on defense outlays, one of its senior members, Sen. Harry F. Byrd Jr., (independent-Virginia) announced he would vote against the pact as it now stands.

Byrd said he concluded it does not help the security of the United States and its allies, but instead helps the Soviet Union gain strategic superiority.

Vance's declaration came in response to questions by Sen. Sam Nunn, (D-Georgia). Nunn suggested increases in defense spending on the order of 4 to 5 per cent annually after inflation is taken into account.

Vance said he understands that as a result of inflation and congressional cuts, the United States has not kept its pledge to NATO allies to raise defense spending by 3 per cent after inflation.

"I believe we should meet the 3 per cent, and if we get support in 1981 it should go through and we will meet that commitment," he said.

President Carter said last week he would not increase defense outlays merely to win SALT votes.

In his testimony, the secretary said the treaty is not a substitute for increased spending or improvements in nuclear weapon systems.

"The American people will not be tranquilized," Vance declared. "They will support what is necessary to give us an adequate defense."

Asked whether he would support a 5 per cent increase, after inflation, Vance said, "I'm not sure 5 per cent is necessary."

Meanwhile, the Senate Budget Committee voted 11-3 for a \$13.4 billion increase in spending authority in 1982-1984 to assure deployment of five strategic weapon systems — the MX mobile missile, air-launched cruise missiles, a cruise missile carrier, the Trident submarine and Trident missile.

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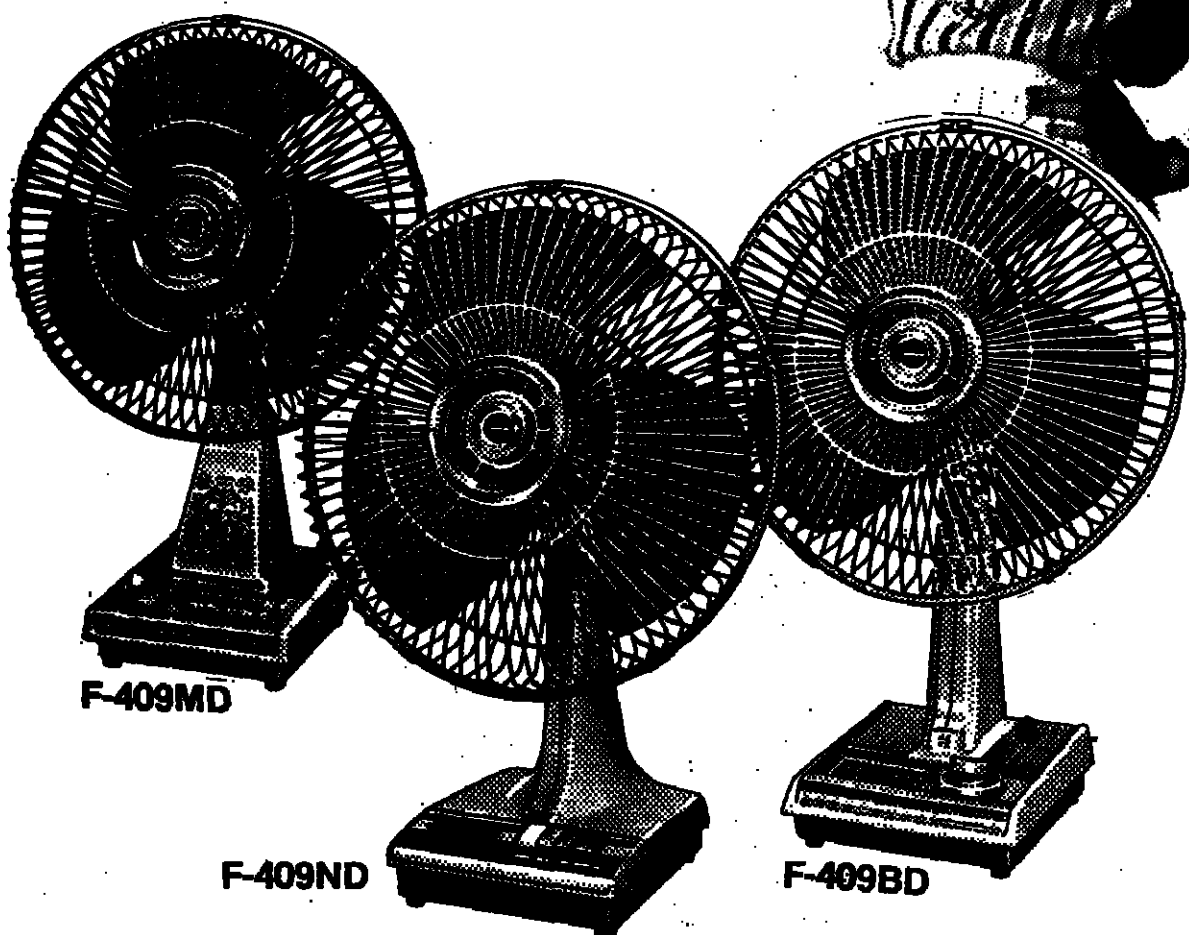
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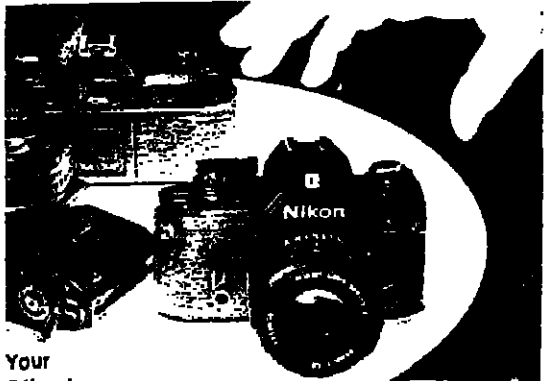
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Student swimmer shows Moscow American might

MOSCOW, July 31 (R) — Fernando Canales of Puerto Rico Monday showed Soviet swimmers that men from the Americas still dominate the world of freestyle sprinters by winning the Spartakiad 100 meters gold medal.

The 19-year-old University of Michigan student just edged Sergei Kopylov, the Soviet holder of the world's 200 meters record, with a powerful drive over the final 15 meters to win in 51.78 seconds.

The Puerto Rican took up swimming when he was six to regain strength after a crippling illness.

Kopylov won the silver with 51.87 seconds after leading most of the way but he was unable to match the pace of Canales' finish. Sergei Krasniuk was third in 52.27 with Pelle Holmertz, the Californian University Swedish star having another disappointing swim to finish fifth in 52.48.

Canales, winner of the Pan-American Games silver medal this month, earlier this year became only the eighth man in history to break 52 seconds for the sprint. He expects to be in the Olympic final here next year, but predicts it will take a performance well below Jonty Skinner's present world record of 49.44 seconds to win the gold.

He felt that Kopylov, Holmertz and whichever three United States swimmers survive the national trials will have to swim under 50 seconds to join him in the final.

Olga Klevakina won her third

personal gold of the meet in capturing the women's 400 meters individual medley in 4:55.88. Irinel Paulescu broke the Romanian national record when she finished second in 5:01.88, ahead of her countrywoman who held it previously, Marianna Parasky.

Robertas Julpa improved his own Soviet record when he won the men's 200 meters breaststroke in 2:17.59, the third fastest time ever.

Vladimir Dolbo took the men's 200 meters backstroke in a close finish in 2:05.43.

Australia's Michelle Ford looked set to add a third gold medal to her luggage when she was by far the fastest qualifier in the women's 800 meters heats nearly four seconds faster than her nearest rival.

The final of this event, for which Ford briefly held the world mark before surrendering it to fellow Australian Tracey Wickham, takes place on the final night of the gala.

Record Lift

MOSCOW, July 31 (AP) — Yurik Vardanyan of the Soviet Union set a world weightlifting record in the combination event for the up to 85 kilos class at the Spartakiad Monday.

Vardanyan, an Armenian, jerked 175 kilos and pushed 215 kilos for a total of 390 kilos in the competition.

His mark exceeded by five kilos the former record of 385 kilos held by Blagoy Blagoyev of Bulgaria.

SPARTAKIAD: The opening of the Spartakiad, regarded as a warm-up for the 1980 Moscow Olympics.

Gloucestershire down Essex has county title in reach

LONDON, July 31 (R) — Essex took a grand stride towards their first county championship in 103 years with a two-day victory over Gloucestershire at Colchester Monday.

Offspinner David Acfield, exploiting a wearing pitch, bowled 40 overs and finished with six for 56 — his best figures of a summer in which teammates have hogged the limelight. In one spell of 15 balls he took four for five as Gloucestershire subsided from 138 for two.

Their total of 205 set Essex a target of 128 and, though they lost England batsman Graham Gooch for seven, they won with four wickets in hand.

It was their tenth championship win — and the fourth in succession. It leaves them a massive 83 points clear in the county standings. Nottinghamshire could narrow the gap by 10 points if they beat Kent, the holders, at Folkestone, but judging by the way ex-England left-arm Derek Underwood harassed them Monday the prospect is not bright. He took six for 36 and Notts reached 121.

Rival left-arm spinner Mike Bore baffled Kent and his eight for 89 kept Notts in contention. They need 166 to win with eight wickets standing.

In Taunton, a century by Yash-

Welterweight titleholder beats challenge

CHICAGO, July 31 (R) — Mexican Pepino Cuevas Monday night defended his world Boxing Association welterweight championship for the eighth time but was taken 15 rounds by plucky Californian Randy Shields.

Cuevas, nicknamed "Iron Hand" by his supporters, failed to put away the lowly 10th-ranked Shields and had to be content with a unanimous points decision.

The 21-year-old Mexican had not gone more than 11 rounds with seven previous challengers. The last three before Shields lasted only five rounds between them.

Shields, 23, looked wobbly several times during the fight but held on tenaciously and gave Cuevas an unexpectedly hard battle before 12,000 cheering fans at Chicago's Amphitheater.

It was the Irish-American's first shot at the world title and he looked outclassed and intimidated by Cuevas in the first two rounds. But he came back bravely and kept coming right to the end.

Holmes Surgery

PHILADELPHIA, July 31 (AP) — Larry Holmes, the World Boxing Council heavyweight champion, checked into a hospital Monday to undergo surgery.

Holmes will have a polyp removed from his vocal cords, and is expected to be in hospital several days.

"His doctor doesn't expect any complications and said it will have no effect on his boxing career," the hospital said.

South African blacks call for boycott of title fight

SOWETO, South Africa July 31 (AP) — Militant South African blacks are calling for a boycott of the October heavyweight title bout between black American John Tate and white South African Gerrie Coetzee.

American black activist Jesse Jackson, who led several thousand wildly cheering blacks in chants of "no rights, no fights," on Sunday, joined three influential South African leaders in opposing the fight.

Jackson, a one-time adviser to Dr. Martin Luther King, said the offer of promoters to allow blacks to attend the fight in a whites-only rugby stadium amounts to treating blacks "like whores."

The fight is to be staged Oct. 20 in Loftus Versfeld rugby stadium in Pretoria. Percy Qoza, editor of the black newspaper "Post," said, "Loftus Versfeld is the high altar of your people's (the Afrikaners) rugby."

He would have attended the fight if it had been held in one of the stadiums that is regularly integrated.

"I insist on 24-hour dignity, not just window dressing dignity."

Arum, who heads the American promoting firm Top Rank, has demanded that blacks be allowed to see the fight, and that some tickets be offered at prices blacks could afford.

Bumbry hits winner

Orioles ruin Brewers

NEW YORK, July 31 (AP) — Steve Stone allowed only one hit — a third-inning homer by Charlie Moore — before needing last-out relief help from Tippy Martinez, and Al Bumbry hit a two-run homer in the sixth inning to lead the Baltimore Orioles to a 2-1 victory over the Milwaukee Brewers Monday night.

Moore's homer, his fifth, came on Stone's first pitch of the third inning. The only other Brewer to reach base against Stone, 9-7, was Don Mooney, who walked two times — with one out in the fifth and two out in the ninth.

It was after the second walk to Mooney that Stone was lifted in favor of Martinez, a southpaw who came in to pitch to the left-hand-hitting Cecil Cooper. Martinez got Cooper to loft a ball to left on the first pitch to record his first save this year.

Loser Jim Slaton (10-6) carded a one-hitter into the sixth, but Kiko Garcia singled leading off and one out later Bumbry hit a 2-0 pitch for his game-winning homer.

In other American League action, Gary Alexander hit a homer and Victor Cruz pitched 3 1-3 innings of strong relief to pace the Cleveland Indians to a 6-5 victory over the Boston Red Sox.

Al Greene's sacrifice fly in the eighth off Jim Kern led the Detroit Tigers to a 6-4 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Left-hander Larry Gura pitched a three-hitter and Darrel Porter drove in three runs to pace the Kansas City Royals to a 9-0 rout of the Toronto Blue Jays.

Willie Randolph's bases-loaded triple and a solo homer by Lou Piniella powered Tommy John and the New York Yankees to a 7-2 victory over the Chicago White Sox.

Mike Parrott pitched as four-hitter and Willie Horton knocked in six runs with two homers and a single to lead the Seattle Mariners past the California Angels 8-0.

Dave Goltz pitched the Minnesota Twins past the Oakland A's 3-0.

In the National League, San Francisco's Bob Knepper pitched a five-hit shutout in four runs, and the Giants took advantage of a team record seven Houston errors en route to an 8-0 victory over the Astros.

Ed Ott's tie-breaking RBI single sparked a three-run eighth inning, and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the New York Mets 8-5.

Ray Knight hit two home runs and Rookie pinch-hitter Harry Spilman smacked in a two-run double in the eighth inning, carrying Cincinnati to a 9-4 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers and giving the Reds their seventh triumph in eight games.

Manny Trillo lined a bases-loaded single with one out in the 10th to give Philadelphia a 5-4 vic-



Lou Piniella

tory over the Chicago Cubs and snap the Phillies' six-game losing streak.

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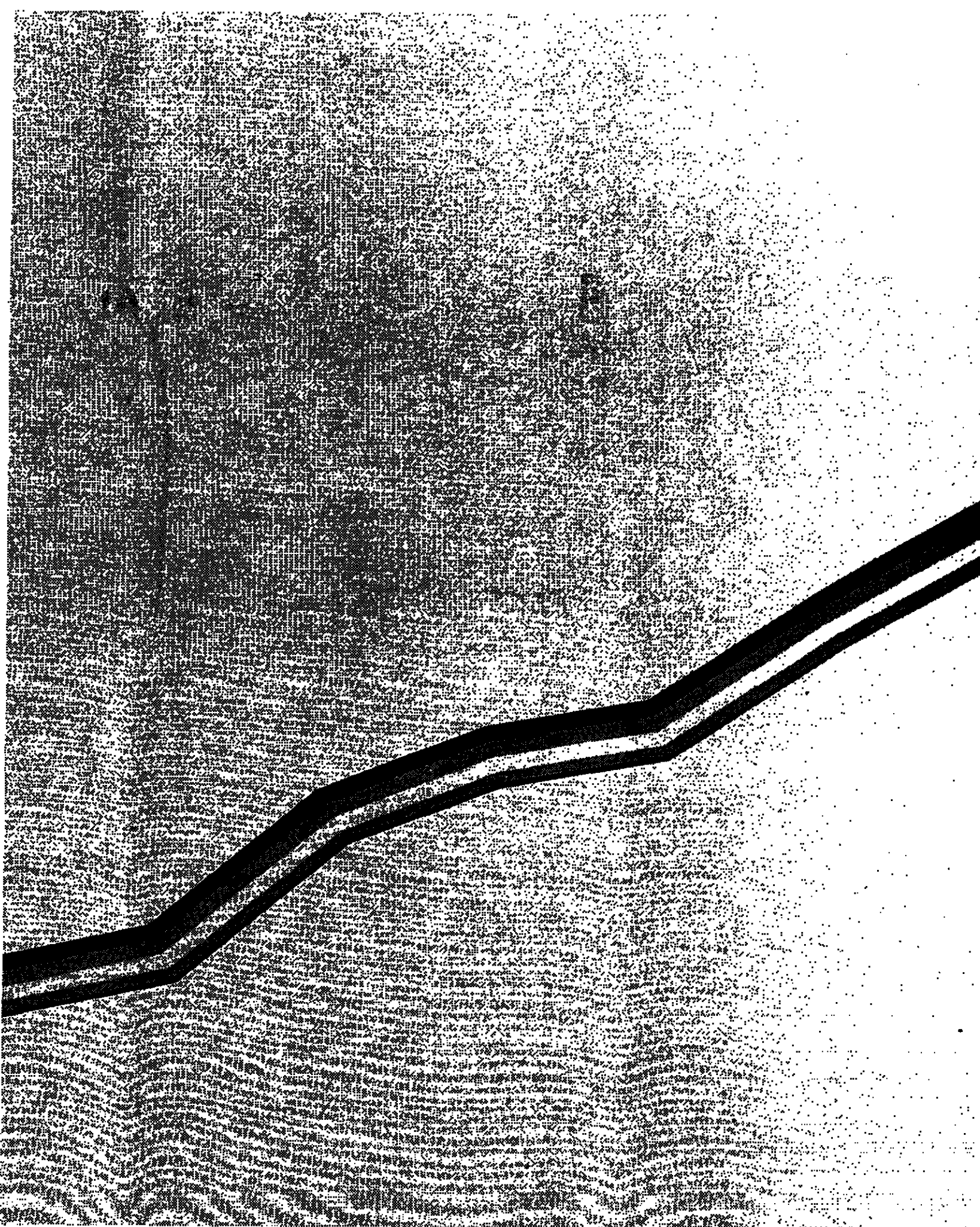
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Baltimore	70	34	.673
Boston	62	38	.620
Milwaukee	63	42	.600
New York	56	48	.538
Chicago	53	49	.520
Cleveland	51	52	.493
Toronto	52	73	.405

National League			
	W	L	Pct.
California	60	50	.546
Minnesota	55	47	.539
Texas	54	49	.524
Kansas City	51	52	.493
Pittsburgh	46	58	.442
Seattle	49	62	.421
Oakland	29	77	.274

National League			
	W	L	Pct.
Montreal	56	43	.566
Cincinnati	58	51	.537
Pittsburgh	57	44	.564
Chicago	54	45	.545
Philadelphia	53	49	.520
St. Louis	51	48	.515
New York	42	56	.429

National League			
	W	L	Pct.
Houston	60	47	.561
Cincinnati	58	51	.537
San Francisco	52	54	.491
San Diego	48	59	.449
Los Angeles	44	61	.419
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WASHINGTON: Guillermo Vilas comforts Victor Pecci after he had pulled a leg muscle in the second set of the finals of the Washington Star tournament recently. Vilas won as Pecci could not play.

Moor retires

Alexander takes Louisville

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, July 31 (AP) — Leg cramps forced unseeded Terry Moor of the United States to retire in the third set, giving seventh-seeded John Alexander of Australia the championship of the Louisville Invitational tennis classic Monday night.

Alexander won the opening set 7-6, taking the tiebreaker 7-5. The final game was at leisure for 16 points, and Moor was down set point three times before holding serve at 6-6.

The second set also went to a tiebreaker with both players holding serve throughout. Moor won that tiebreaker 7-5, ending it with a forehand winner.

After breaking Alexander's serve, Moor was leading in the third set 3-2. It was the first time that either player had broken serve in the last 22 games of the match.

Moor then suffered a cramp in his left leg, doublefaulting and eventually losing serve at 3-3. He then retired.

New Hampshire

NORTH CONWAY, New Hampshire July 31 (AP) — Defending champion Eddie Gibbs, the No. five seed, defeated 19-year-old Andre Jomez of Ecuador 6-3, 6-5 Monday in the second day of first-round play at the international tournament at the Mount Cranmore Tennis Club.

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Revolution in the Caribbean: New U.S. nightmare

By John Goshko

WASHINGTON — They are specks on the map so tiny one almost needs a magnifying glass to find them. But the island ministeles dotting the eastern Caribbean are the newest additions to the Carter administration's list of potentially worrisome trouble spots.

Until now, events in that area have gone virtually unnoticed as press and public attention focused on the other side of the Caribbean, where Nicaragua's bloody civil war prompted a top-priority U.S. campaign to force out President Anastasio Somoza and prevent a takeover by leftist guerrillas sympathetic to Cuba.

Within the administration, though, there is growing concern that the turmoil roiling the eastern islands — minuscule former British dependencies pushed into independence despite severe economic problems — could create yet another arena of friction and competition between the United States and Cuba.

The roots of this concern go back to the March 13 coup that overthrew the notoriously corrupt government of Grenada and put a self-proclaimed "radical leftist" regime in control of that tiny (population 106,000) republic.

Grenada's new government insists that it is neither communist nor a Cuban satellite. But, in a move that sent tremors through the White House and State Department, it immediately turned to Havana for arms, military advisers and other aid.

The result was the dispatch of a U.S. envoy to deliver a protest, an angry Grenadian rejection of American "interference" — and an immediate chill on relations between Washington and the island's militant young leaders.

Since then, an island-hopping ripple effect has inspired other leftist groups throughout the eastern Caribbean to engage in labor strikes, demonstrations and other forms of confrontation with government.

The escalating unrest raises fears — both in Washington and in many of the Caribbean's larger countries — that what happened in Grenada could be repeated in Dominica (population 78,000), Antigua (70,000), St. Lucia (120,000) and St. Vincent (112,000).

U.S. officials stress there is no evidence of any Cuban hand in causing the Grenada coup or encouraging the other islands' turmoil. Conflicts building up in these places, the officials are careful to point out, stem directly from indigenous poverty, overpopulation and social disparities.

But the officials also note that President Fidel Castro's Cuban regime has a strong interest in extending its influence throughout the Caribbean and could hardly be expected to ignore any "targets of opportunity" that might emerge from the current ferment.

Since this U.S. thinking is based primarily on scenarios of what could happen, the officials acknowledge a danger of Washington over-reacting

and reverting to a cold war mentality. In particular, they cite a need to avoid needlessly disturbing the fitful movement toward U.S. rapprochement with Cuba or giving Caribbean countries the impression that the United States wants to assert hegemony over the region.

The officials admit that the administration's reawakened interest in the Caribbean has strong "containment of Cuba" overtones. But they add, the situation also has a more far-reaching effect — redirecting Washington's attention to the stability and well-being of an area sometimes called "America's third border."

When the Carter administration entered office, it announced that a main foreign policy goal would be priority attention for the Caribbean, and, two years ago, it sent United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young on a heavily publicized tour of the area.

Despite those good intentions, though, the administration was forced by more immediate problems in other parts of the world to put that policy on the back burner, and it has never really come to grips with the realities of the Caribbean.

In talking about the region, U.S. policymakers mean not just the string of islands stretching 2,000 miles through the Caribbean Sea between the Bahamas and Trinidad. They are referring to a larger "Caribbean Basin" that includes Mexico, Central America and northern South America.

In addition to its obvious strategic relationship to the Panama Canal and international shipping routes, the region is an important center of trade and investment, providing, among other things, two-thirds of the bauxite required by the U.S. aluminum industry and refining 25 per cent of the oil entering the United States.

From another standpoint, the area's high unemployment has made it second only to Mexico as a source of illegal aliens in the United States. It also is the route across which most illegal narcotics enter the eastern half of the country.

While the countries are small, collectively they add up to a sizable bloc of votes in the United Nations and regional bodies like the Organization of American States. Some — notably Jamaica, Venezuela, Mexico and Barbados — also command considerable influence in Third World circles.

Now, the rumblings in the eastern Caribbean — coupled with the strife in Nicaragua and El Salvador on the Western flank — causes U.S. officials to worry increasingly about what some call "concentric circles of potential trouble."

That's a reference to the possibility of upheaval producing radically inclined regimes on the smaller islands that might spread to larger countries like Jamaica, Haiti and the Dominican Republic and balkanize the region with antagonistic political and economic systems.

Noting descriptions of the Middle East and Southern Asia as an "arc of crisis," one official says: "There's not an island in the Caribbean that couldn't go the way of Grenada within five years. If you take Central America as the western point and

Madrid's leading newspaper is a sign of change in Spain

By Kevin Dunn

MADRID —

On May 4, 1976, a new daily newspaper appeared in Madrid with a bold editorial demanding a return to democracy in post-Franco Spain.

Today, three years and 1,000 issues later, the transition to democracy is complete and the newspaper "El Pais," has cause to celebrate.

In a country in which more than 100 dailies are chasing one of the lowest per capita newspapers in Western Europe, "El Pais" (the country) has acquired the second highest circulation and made a profit.

It has also established a high reputation for honest and independent reporting and become essential reading for politicians, businessmen and intellectuals.

The 34-year-old editor, Juan Luis Cebrian, attributes the paper's success to its modern image.

"From the beginning we wanted to produce a newspaper which did not bear the stigma of the past and was aimed at a new generation of readers who did not live through the (1936-39) civil war," Cebrian said in an interview.

"We aimed to be staunch promoters of democratic change, pro-European, non-religious and defenders of the forgotten sections of society such as women and minority groups."

The newspaper was the first to call for an amnesty for political prisoners and the legalization of all political parties. It was also the first — and so far only — daily newspaper to suffer casualties in a bomb attack.

Last October, one employee was killed and two were seriously injured when a parcel bomb exploded in the newspaper's mail sorting room.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack

and nine months later, Cebrian says he has still heard nothing from police investigating the blast. He attributes it to ultra-rightists.

The newspaper was founded six years ago but was not allowed to publish until after the death in November, 1975, of dictator Francisco Franco.

Its first editorial, bitterly attacking the government of then Prime Minister Carlos Arias Navarro, clearly set the newspaper's course.

"The people are in constant and prolonged expectation of a political change which has not occurred," it declared.

Two months later, King Juan Carlos dismissed the prime minister, appointed Adolfo Suarez in his place, and the transition from dictatorship to democracy got under way.

"What has happened is that the political transition has been identified with the evolution of "El Pais," Cebrian said.

"The paper became a symbol of the construction of democratic freedom."

He added, "I believe "El Pais" is the only platform in the daily press which gives space to all opinions and allows minorities to express themselves."

In response to criticism that the newspaper's political line has wavered in its three-year life, Cebrian said: "that is not a defect, that is a proof of honesty."

He said, "There have been so many vacillations and stumbles in the past three years in Spain that it is logical for a newspaper which tries to capture the reality of the country to reflect the hesitancy and uncertainty."

"El Pais" currently has an average daily sale — mainly in Madrid — of 146,000 which rises to 202,000 on Sundays when it includes a color supplement.

Cebrian hopes it will shortly overtake the Barcelona newspaper "La Vanguardia" to become Spain's biggest-selling daily. — (R)

ISRAEL GRUMBLES

Israel has rejected a U.S.-Soviet compromise on unarmed truce observers for Sinai. Hardly was the news broken to the White House than a meeting was hurriedly arranged between President Carter and U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim "to review" the matter.

Carter, it was understood, would seek "guarantees" from Waldheim to remove "barriers" to Israel's withdrawal from the desert peninsula.

A shrewd businessman who suspects a lucrative commercial deal of his hitting a snag will alert the entire staff of his company's headquarters and branches around the world to save the deal.

So did Waldheim. He went through lengthy and arduous discussions with U.S. congressional leaders, before visiting Carter on how the Israeli objection could be sorted out smoothly.

The U.S. administration thus readily responded to Tel Aviv's complaint perhaps with deep-felt remorse, after discovering that what was acceptable to the other side was not acceptable to the Israeli side.

Democratic America, which sincerely likes to hear the grumbles of the "oppressed," has had to seek assurances from Waldheim to allay the fears of the Israelis.

By its refusal to allow the unarmed U.N. personnel Israel has again sought to convince the world that, despite its military might, it is "extremely weak" and unable to defend itself, and that the Arab threat to destroy it persists.

The objection does not simply end there, for it is a well known fact that Israel wants a price for whatever it has to approve of, regardless of Egypt's acceptance of the compromise worked out between Cairo's friend America and its present adversary Russia.

Israel will finally agree to the compromise on unarmed observers just as Washington is willing to cooperate with the Soviets in the peace process. But when? — only after the American taxpayer is stripped of more funds to assist what is claimed to be the "only democracy in the Middle East" — or the Jewish state.

What is more astonishing than the White House response and the illogical Israeli rejection is the postponement of the debate on Palestinian rights by the Security Council.

Admittedly the request of the cancellation came as well from Kuwait and the PLO, though no official explanation was given. But an unidentified U.S. source said that the timing of the Council's session "was unfavorable in view of current Middle East negotiations."

The same source however acknowledged, among other things, that winning Israel's agreement for the observers has to be secured first.

Would one be mistaken then to believe that everything comes to a halt if Israel does not give its consent to one thing?

editorial said, "the Ministry of the Interior has reaffirmed its keenness to deploy modern means to protect the lives of citizens, particularly during summer and pilgrimage season." The paper called upon citizens to be equally keen to abide by the traffic rules and regulations, with a view to achieving a better standard of road safety.

"Al-Nadwa" said in an editorial that, "it was gratifying to note that Saudi Arabia has realized a one per cent reduction in the cost of living during the first two quarters of the current year, while other countries of the world either suffered from a high cost of living or have already declared they were in a state of economic stagnation."

"The secret of this success does not lie in the abundance of oil and its export to foreign countries. The Kingdom also imports foreign goods, technology and even manpower for the country's all-round development. The secret lies in the Kingdom's economic policy

and its orientation of expenditure," the paper said.

It added that this policy and the state subsidies to essential items have largely contributed to controlling inflation and bringing down the cost of living in the Kingdom.

Commenting on the recent events in Baghdad, "Al-Riyadh" said editorially: "We were taken by surprise while we were talking of the signs of an Arab union that could have provided a nucleus for a comprehensive unity and proved a powerful and alternative force after Egypt's exit from the front-line states."

The paper said the Arab world may not be able to face the challenges so long as it is preoccupied with its internal events. "We don't fight the lurking enemy as much as we, a group of friends, are afraid of each other. And it is nothing but the extreme wretchedness and bankruptcy of these friends (who are enemies)". The paper regret-

ted that "such events should have taken place in Iraq, which had seen a long period of peace and tranquillity, and whose stability should have reflected on the different aspects of progress and development in the country."

"Al-Jazirah" held strong views that an Arab summit conference be held as soon as possible. "Now that Western Europe has understood well that the peace framework of the Camp David accords was much narrower than the desired peace in the region, the Israel-Egyptian treaty could not be considered anything but a vacuum in the whirlpool of desperation and violence and perhaps a bloody explosion in the region as a whole," it said.

The paper added that an urgent Arab summit must map a strategy toward Europe to move it in the right direction. A summit was also necessary to reassess the Arab developments since the Baghdad summit, it said.

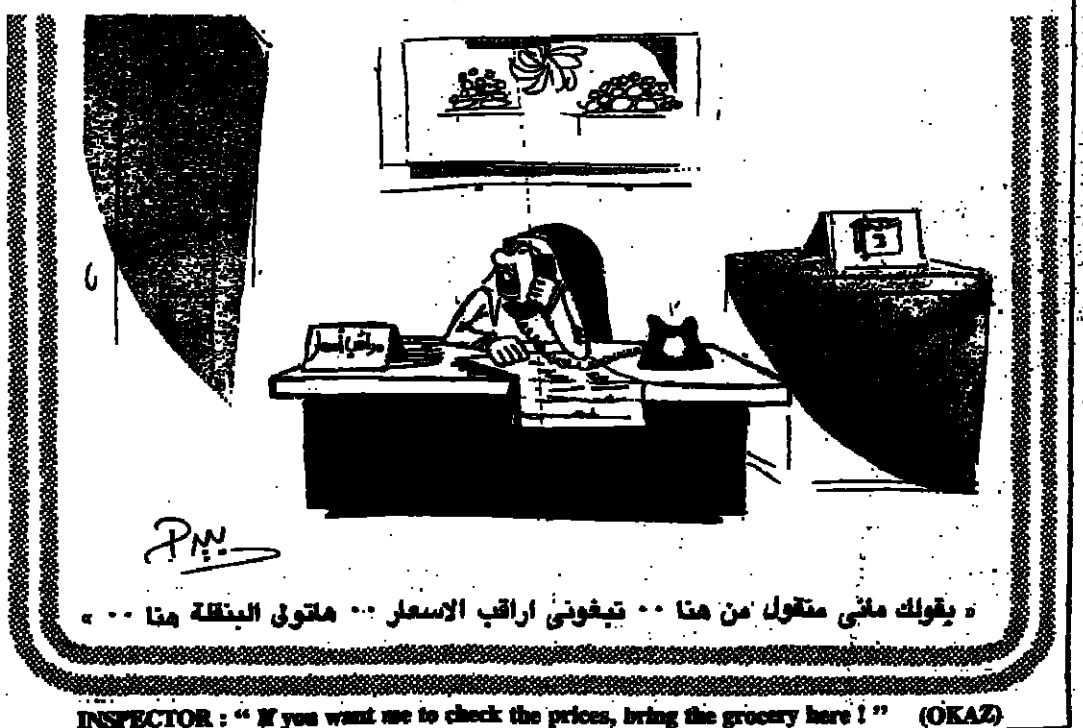
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While a majority of newspapers led with Monday's Council of Ministers' meeting which was held to review transport, planning and oil matters, one newspaper led with more details on the abortive coup in Iraq.

Other newspapers also frontpaged Iraqi coup events and Iran's rebuttal of any role in it, and others featured the Security Council's postponement of a debate on the Palestine issue, the labor strike at Beirut seaport and former Iranian Prime Minister Shahpour Bakhtiari's appearance in Paris. Newspapers also frontpaged OPEC contacts to study the U.S. Dollar's downward trend, Palestinian demonstrations before the Israeli parliament and the release of Mauritanian prisoners by the Polisario Front.

One paper led with King Khalid receiving a message from President Ali Abdullah Saleh of North Yemen, while others published Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal's talks with his Yemeni counterpart, Interior Minister Prince Naif's signing of a contract for the first phase of the highway patrol project and Riyadh Governor Prince Salman's chairing of a meeting of the Higher Board for the Development of Riyadh Monday.

Prince Naif, minister of the interior, has recently signed a contract with an international company to implement the highway patrol project covering at least 9,000 kilometers of roads in the Kingdom. Commenting on the subject, "Al-Medina" said in its editorial that, "the Kingdom's roads network, the traffic movement and the transport of goods made the traffic surveillance a matter of extreme necessity in the country. The importance of a highway patrol came to light after an experiment had been made on the Jeddah-Mecca highway. "By signing the contract," the



INSPECTOR: "If you want me to check the prices, bring the grocery here!" (OKAZ)



The big moment: arrival of the bride and groom

Arabian wedding nights

By Kay Hardy Campbell

JEDDAH — It's wedding season in Arabia. Families throughout the Kingdom are preparing for the week-long celebrations that every new Arabian couple enjoys. Dress-shop windows are decorated with elaborate gowns of organza, satin, chiffon, lace, ruffles and bouffants to entice brides-to-be and their families. As each wedding is celebrated in several phases, the brides don different gowns each night, so seamstresses' sewing machines won't stop humming until the season tapers off at the end of autumn.

Already wedding lights are strung about the cities and villages. Driving by the open gate of a hilltop villa you can spot groups of men reclining on oriental carpets smoking narghils while the ladies celebrate separately inside, or on the roof. Strains of drums and singing filter faintly from the rooftops to the streets below.

Weddings here are a truly festive rite. Some fortunate foreigners are invited to join the families in their celebrations, giving them a unique glimpse of Saudi family life.

Expatriate wives are sometimes invited to the "ladies only" gala event, "Lailat al-Zaffar" — or Wedding Night. This party, attended by 200 or 300 guests, is the last and most climatic evening of the festivities, when the ladies

gather to sing, to dance and to wish the bride and groom well in their new life together.

It is on the high-walled roofs of apartment buildings, in villa gardens, hotel conference rooms or special wedding gardens like Jeddah's "Hadeeqat al-Afrah" (Festival Garden) where these parties are given.

A stage is set up on one side of the party area, with hundreds of chairs facing it. Wedding lights are strung everywhere: on the walls, up posts, over doorways. The buildings themselves seem to blossom for the occasion.

Most parties start officially at eight or nine, yet at ten o'clock only the early birds have arrived to get front-row seats. By midnight most guests have appeared and found their seats, after warmly greeting their aunts, cousins, great-aunts, grandmothers and friends.

In Arabian urban centers, families of diverse regional backgrounds are now intermarrying. "Hadrami" brides and "Najdi" grooms blend their wedding traditions, making each Zaffar a unique mixture of guests, costumes, jewelry and accents.

Formal wear is de rigueur. The ladies don their finest jewels. In the cities, gold renditions of traditional Arabian jewelry are popular, as well as Western-style jewelry ensembles (at the very

least lightly sprinkled with gems). In rural areas and among the bedouin, traditional silver is worn for special occasions. But in the cities this type of finery is uncommon.

On the palms of the elderly ladies you can glimpse henna decorations: a rosy red star or "Hilal" (Crescent Moon) are typical patterns in the Jeddah area, brought to the city from the countryside.

As the guests gather, the flow of refreshments begins. Cardamom coffee, sweet tea, fruit juice, soft drinks, mineral water, candies and nuts are graciously passed by cheerful friends of the bride's family. This constant refreshment sustains until dinner is served after the bride's arrival — which may be close to dawn at many gatherings.

The musicians have come by 1 a.m., carrying drums, tambourines and lutes under their arms. The women's orchestras usually consist of one lead singer/lute player — "mutribah" — who is leader of the group. She is accompanied by five or six percussion players, who also sing as her chorus.

The groups' percussion instruments usually include the tambourine (rig), the double-headed drum (table), a large cymbal-less tambourine (tar), and an occasional single-headed clay drum (derbakah). Some groups play



Girl in full-length thobe, or dancing dress

finger cymbals, too (seejan). The chorus usually shares one microphone, while the singer uses two — one for her voice and the other for her lute.

There are hundreds of such groups in Arabia. Some have gained fame throughout the Gulf, others are girls still in their teens known only locally. But there are certainly enough adept artists to play for the thousands of weddings held each year.

Drums are unwrapped, seats are arranged and microphones tested at a leisurely pace. One woman begins to tighten each drum skin by tapping it lightly over her portable brass or silver charcoal burner filled with red-hot coals (mabkhara). The players gradually get settled, drinking a last glass of water before starting.

Several guests set up their tape-recorders around the musicians, who don't seem to mind, since it's all free publicity.

The mutribah tunes her lute. Then, slowly, she begins to play, plucking out the melody of the first musical phrase in an elaborate manner to establish the song's key (magam). Repeating the phrase, the percussion joins in and the singing is under way.

Each song lasts between ten and 20 minutes. Some are very repetitive, using one melodic line throughout the entire piece. Others are very complex in both rhythm and melody. The slow numbers are usually tragic love songs; the repetitive pieces are more lighthearted.

The lively ones soon have the guests in the mood to folk-dance. Pairs of girls begin to step, mirroring each other's movements in seemingly effortless improvisation, back and forth across the stage before the musicians.

The dancesteps themselves range from simple side-to-side sways to complex affairs involving

subtle leaning and twisting movements. Pulsating their toes, a characteristic of the bedouin dances — such as "Raqs al-Dawsari" of the Banu Dawasir tribe of Wadi Dawasir — are frequently performed.

For the dancing, some don the traditional full-length dress (fustan) of Arabia over their evening gowns. The dancing dresses are profusely embroidered with gold thread and sequins and are so long that they drag along the ground behind the dancers. Most today are made in Kuwait, sheer chiffons in saffron, purple, bright red, green and black. In the past these dresses were silken, embroidered with real gold thread. Less expensive substitutes predominate at peninsular parties these days.

Everyone sings along with the musicians, for the wedding songs are well-known among Saudi ladies. They also clap in syncopated rhythms (tasfiq), whistle and ululate (the high-pitched tremulous festive cry of Arab women).

The peaceful interludes between each song seem somehow startling, like the sudden silence that falls upon a room when the air-conditioner is turned off. The musicians break for about five minutes so the drum skins can be tightened once more, while their players have a cup of tea or a glass of water. The guests stretch their



Traditional wedding painting by Sofia Elia Zagr

legs, converse quietly and wait patiently for the fun to begin again.

Great-grandmothers and great-aunts are sometimes thoughtful at these moments, sitting motionless in their chairs, perhaps recalling with nostalgia the wedding parties of their youth. Yet they participate actively in the festivities, clapping out complex syncopated rhythms to the music, and instructing the refreshment-servers to collect empty tea glasses from one group of ladies and to serve juice to another. They also engage their young relatives in conversation, enquiring about their plans and family news.

Foreigners who are invited to these affairs are well looked after. Saudi hospitality dictates that everyone be made to feel as though they are the guest of honor. Women who speak just two or three words of Arabic will

find themselves surrounded by girls who have studied English, who will ply them with questions in return for explanations about the goings-on. Even if you can say no more than a hello, someone will invariably break the ice with a friendly smile. Or you will be taken by the hand to sit with someone who does speak English; among the numbers of wedding guests in the cities, someone certainly will.

The singing, dancing and conversation continues until the small hours. Some guests often excuse themselves before the bride and groom arrive — especially if this is after 3 a.m. But waiting for the bride's arrival is worth it, for you then realize the purpose of the whole zaffar: well-wishing the bride couple with song and dance.

During one of the long singing breaks you will hear a distant, high-pitched pounding. It takes

about five minutes for the bridal procession to arrive in the party room, pounding is made on tambourines, and is accompanied by the singing of women in the procession. Surrounding the bride couple are small children carrying large thick candles.

Slowly, the procession makes its way to the platform. When its members are seated facing the guests, the songs and dancing begin anew, with lyrics congratulating the bride and groom and wishing them happiness. The bride couple departs after 20 minutes or so. Then the guests promptly descend upon the sumptuous buffet dinner, with every imaginable Middle Eastern dish.

They arrive home as the early-morning traffic starts to pick up, and as the sun casts its first long, cool shadows across the waking city.



Among the bedouin, silver jewelry is worn for special occasions



Rhythmic bedouin dance (Kawali)

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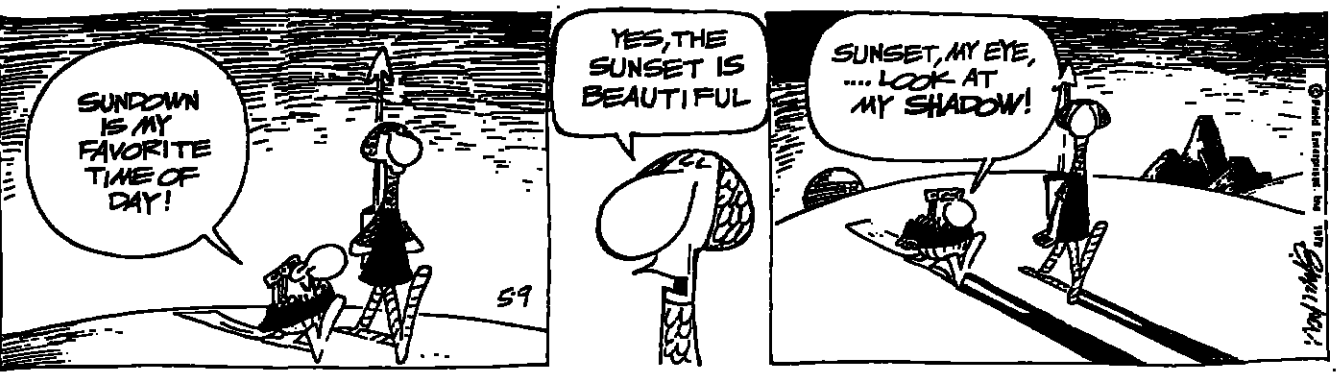
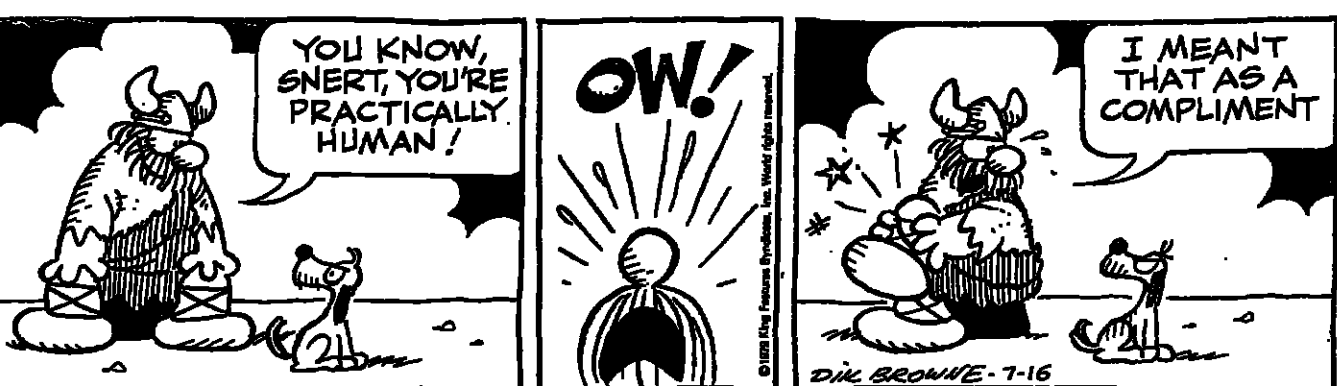
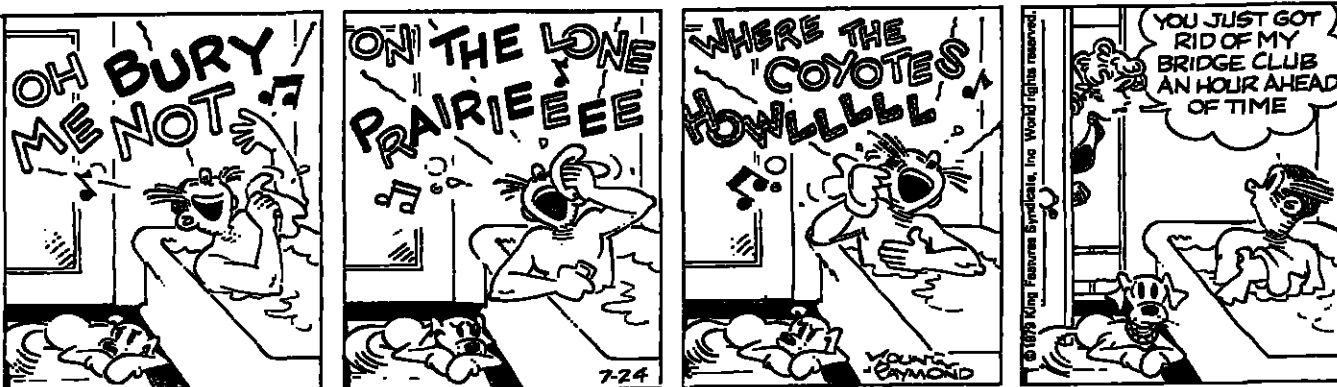
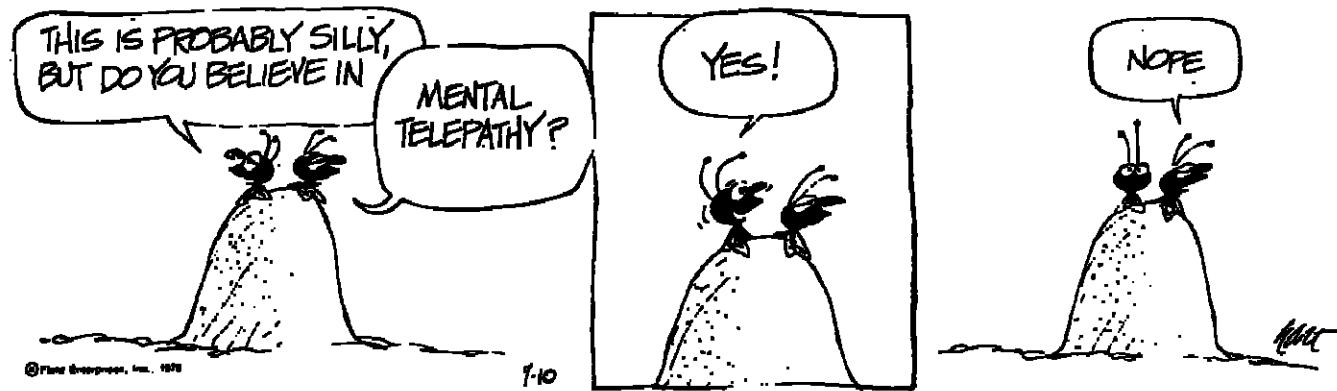
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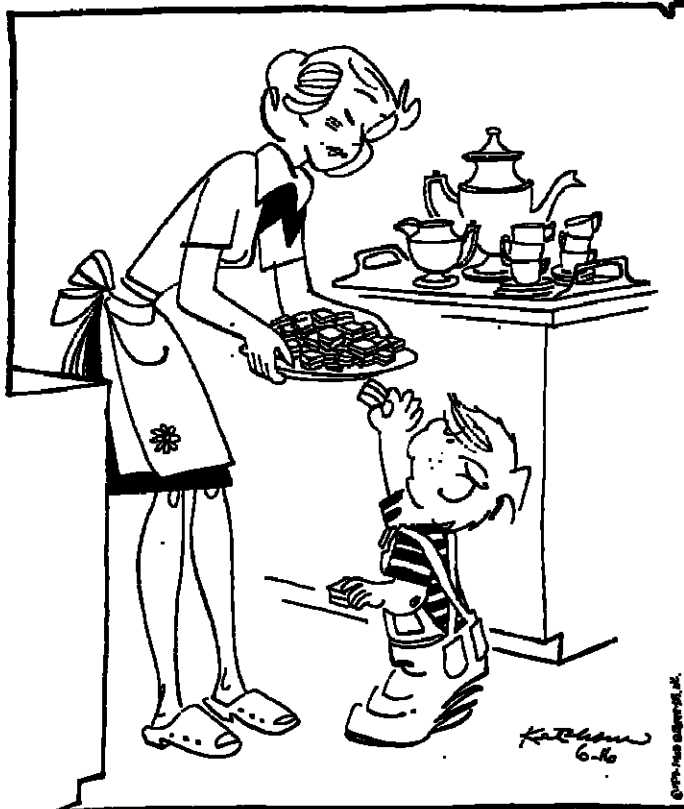
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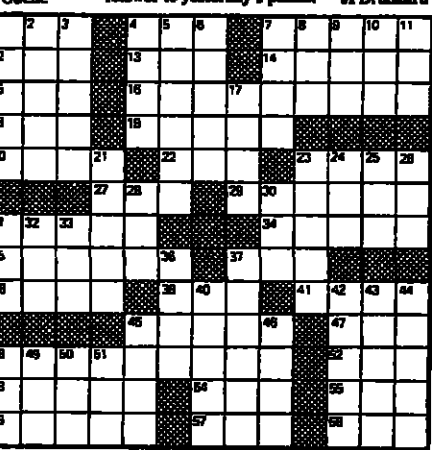
"The trouble with these teenyweeny sandwiches is, by the time you decide you like one, it's GONE!"

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Crossword By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Puns
4 Sugar: suffix
7 Pigs' relations
12 Swaboda
23 Opposite of Pac.
14 City on the Rhine
15 Curve
16 Idios
18 Barn
19 Croup up
22 Regarding, for short
23 On the bray
27 Legal matter
29 Make
31 Indian, for one
34 Main artery
35 Banded
37 Process
38 Church area
39 Enzyme: suffix
41 Scottish Gaelic

DOWN
2 Prescribed amounts
3 Beginning
4 Greek vowel
5 Neither's partner
6 It makes you cry
8 Neighbor of Can.
9 Dancer's symbols
10 Mischance
11 Deser's
12 Stage of sleep (abbr.)
13 Vase
14 Cross area
15 Avg. solution time: 25 min.
16 Overweight
17 Better than never
18 Carry on, as Cleop.
19 Restricts or limits
20 Actress
21 Burstyn
22 Exposure
23 Paraphrase
24 Weight (India)
25 Common
26 Paraphrase
27 Reading
28 Scatological
29 Tuber
30 Bitter vetch
31 Elm
32 Farnel vehicle
33 Overweight
34 European
35 Lenses
36 Type of bird
37 Serf, once
38 "The Man"
39 Crest of a hill
40 Across
41 Poet's word
42 Drunkard



CRYPTOQUIP 6-22

LDDO AWWNZ-RYJNWL JNRL ARYZ

LDFW FADWWF?

Yesterday's Cryptquip - POLITICAL CLOWN WILL TRY ANY PARTY.

Today's Cryptquip clue: Y equals N

The Cryptquip is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words, and words using an apostrophe can give you clues to locating words. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Rays Believe It or Not!



WILD MUSHROOM WEIGHING 45 POUNDS Found by Peggy A. Willis, Mt. Vernon, Wash.

WILLIAM DIDDLE of Naples, N.J., PLAYING IN A C.C. FOUR-NUMBER AT THE ROYAL PUNCIANA C.C. IN NAPLES MADE A HOLE IN ONE AT THE AGE OF 93

Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

A Play Fit for a King

North dealer. Both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 8 6 4
♥ A 5
♦ K Q
♣ J 8 8 6 2

EAST
♠ K 10 9 7 3 2
♥ Q 5
♦ A K 3
♣ A J 5

SOUTH
♠ A J 5
♥ K 10 7 3
♦ A J 5
♣ 10 7 4

The bidding:
North East South West
1 ♠ 1 ♣ 2 NT Pass
3 NT
Opening lead - queen of spades.

In most deals, the defenders must work closely together to obtain their best possible result. They accomplish this mainly by signaling for the continuance or discontinuance of a suit; by showing strength or weakness in a side suit when unable to follow in the suit led; by making a mutual attack on a suit where declarer is weak; and in many other ways too numerous to mention.

But in some deals, one defender is entirely in charge

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ARAB NEWS CALENDAR

PRAYER TIMES

	Wednesday	Fajr	Ishraq	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghreb	Isha
Mecca	4:36	6:01	12:34	3:53	7:03	9:03	
Medina	4:28	5:50	12:34	4:02	7:08	9:08	
Nejd	4:02	5:29	12:07	3:32	6:39	8:39	

DHAHRAN TV

4:30 Childrens Show	Electric Co.: 464, New Flintstones: Show 6 the Loving Cup
5:42 Animal Secrets	The Beginnings
6:06 Greatest Sports Legends:	Elgin Baylor
6:28 The Waltons	The Long Night
7:15 Randall & Hopkirk	When Did You Start to Stop Seeing things?
Safety Film	Pool Safety
8:15 Kojak	The Summer of 69' Part 2
9:01 Theater of Stars	Nightmare

WEATHER

Forecast for the next 24 hours:
Active northerly winds over parts of the northeastern, eastern and central regions will cause dust storms and poor visibility. The temperatures will also decline in those regions. The weather will tend to be moderate over the northwestern and southern highlands, where rain clouds may offer chances of sporadic thundershowers.
Sea conditions will be calm to moderate in the Red Sea and moderate to choppy in the Gulf.

Tuesday's temperatures (maximum, minimum in centigrade)

Mecca	39	30	Tabuk	35	22
Jeddah	35	29	Turath	34	22
Riyadh	42	29	Arar	38	24
Dhahran	41	31	Rafha	37	23
Medina	43	32	Sulayil	44	30
Taif	32	25	Abha	29	17

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WEDNESDAY

Afternoon Transmission	Evening Transmission
2:00 Opening	9:00 Opening
2:01 Holy Quran	9:01 Holy Quran
2:05 Reflections on Fasting	9:05 A Message of Ramadan
2:10 Saudi Literature and Arts	9:10 Light Music
2:20 On Islam	9:15 Top of the Pops
2:30 People Talking	9:45 A Viewpoint
3:00 NEWS	9:55 Music
3:10 Press Review	10:00 Life in Ramadan
3:15 Music	10:05 Youth Welfare
3:20 Science Journal	10:10 Music
3:30 Selection of Music	10:15 NEWS
3:50 Closedown	10:25 S. Chronicle
	10:30 Sound Sweet and Strange
	11:00 Imp., Com. & Recollections
11:10 Music	
11:15 Latin Music	
11:45 A Rendezvous with Dreams	12:00 Closedown

VOA

P.M.	10:05 Opening: Analyses News Summary
8:00 News Roundup:	10:30 VOC Magazine: America; Science; Cultural; Letter
Reports: Actualities: Opinion; Analyses	11:00 Special English: News
8:30 Dateline	11:30 Music USA: (Jazz)
News Summary	
9:00 Special English:	
News: Feature, The	
Making of a Nation	
News Summary	
9:30 Music USA:	
(Standards)	
10:00 News Roundup:	
Reports: Actualities	

BBC

Morning Transmission	Evening Transmission
8.00 World News	1.15 Ulster in Focus
8.09 Twenty-Four Hours	1.30 Discovery
News Summary	
8.30 Sarah Ward	2.00 World News
8.45 World Today	2.09 News about Britain
9.00 Newdesk	2.15 Alphabet of Musical
9.30 Opera Star	Curios
	2.30 Sports International
10.00 World News	2.40 Radio Newsreel
10.09 Twenty-Four Hours	3.15 Promenade Concert
News Summary	3.45 Sports Round-up
10.30 Sarah Ward	4.00 World News
10.45 Something to Show You	
11.00 World News	
11.09 Reflections	
11.15 Piano Style	
11.30 Brain of Britain 1978	
12.00 World News	
12.09 British Press Review	
12.15 World Today	
12.30 Financial News	
12.40 Look Ahead	
12.45 The Tony Myatt	

Your Individual Horoscope

Frances Drake

FOR WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1, 1979

What kind of day will tomorrow be? To find out what the stars say, read the forecast given for your birth sign.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) ♈
Surprising action by a friend or finances could take you off guard. Consult with advisers before launching investment projects.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) ♉
A partner or a close ally is liable to reveal new facets of personality. In your eagerness to go along, don't overdo.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) ♊
An unexpected assignment stimulates you, but avoid carelessness in performance. A partner or close ally should be listened to.

CANCER (June 21 to July 20) ♋
Despite good intentions, the unexpected could cause you to act unwisely re spending. Find less costly sources of enjoyment.

LEO (July 21 to Aug. 22) ♌
A conservative approach is best, but family members are in an experimental mood and may do the unexpected. Take nothing for granted.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) ♍
Unexpected news alters perception. Watch out for slips of the tongue and unwise disclosures. Heed the counsel of family members.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) ♎
Capitalize on an investment opportunity, but be leery of financial dealings with friends. A co-worker may have some good advice.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) ♏
After a visit with old friends, you may be in the mood to kick up your heels. Be skeptical of get-rich-quick schemes. Accent prudence.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) ♐
It will be hard to keep plans secret. A sudden disclosure has you ready to tell all. Trust intuition more than the words of advisers.

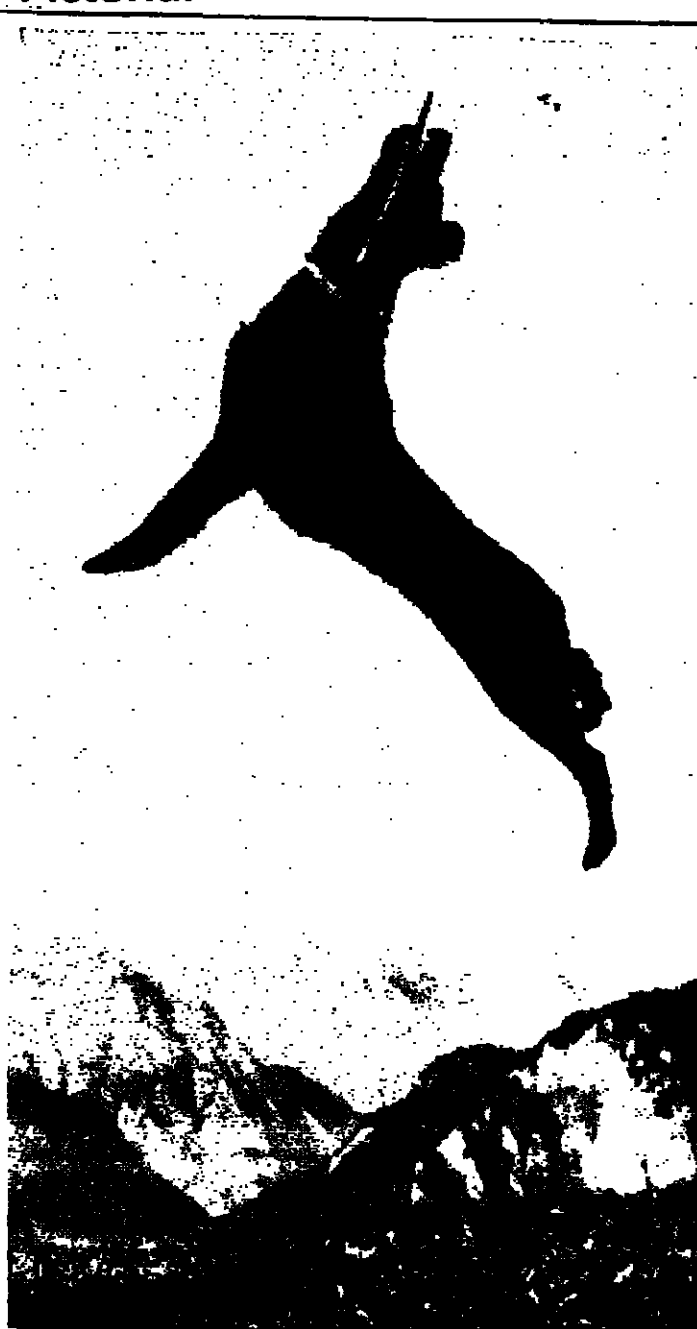
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) ♑
Exciting new friends put you in a spending mood. Don't invest more than you can afford. Protect capital and do further investigating.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) ♒
Unexpected developments careerwise benefit you, don't count your chickens before the eggs are hatched. Friends are helpful.

PISCES (Feb. 19 to Mar. 20) ♓
An opportunity to make a trip has you excited but in the mood to neglect obligations. Consult with superiors before making plans.



GOING UP, OR COMING DOWN: This dog was last seen being carried off by a fast moving stick. No, in reality the dog is catching the stick while performing for his master in the Alpine region of Central Switzerland. Apud the dog is named "High Flyer" and his owner says he can leap 15 feet easily. In this photo, High Flyer seems to be defying the laws of gravity as he takes off into orbit above the Alps.



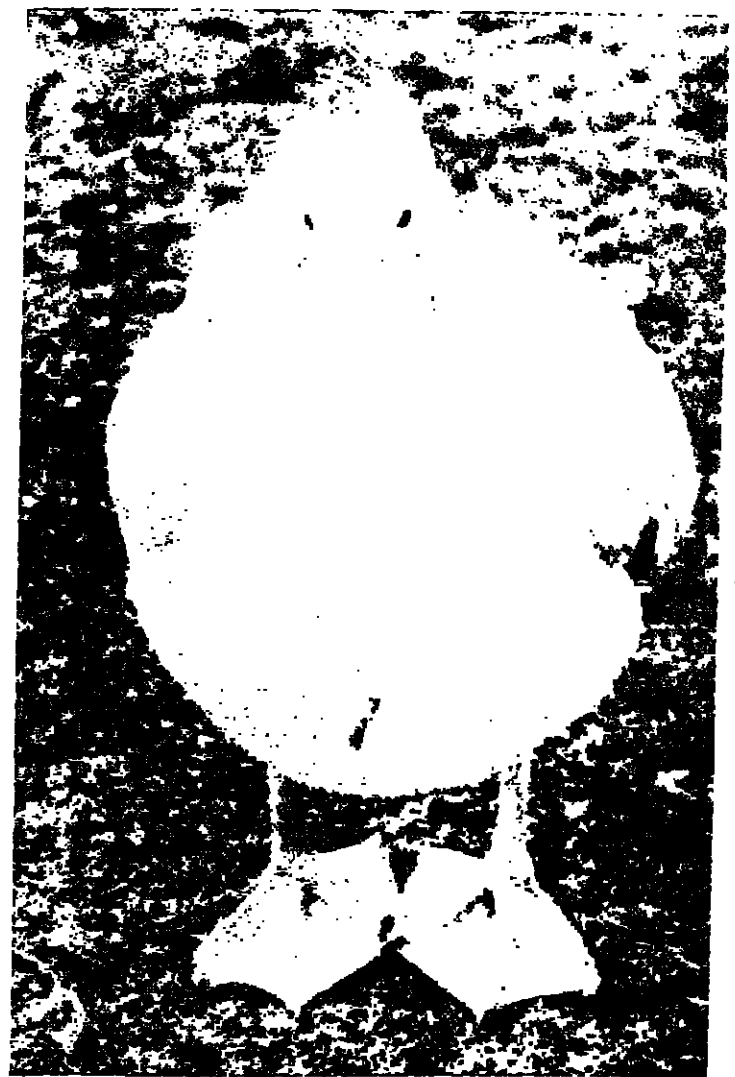
HERE'S A FISHY STORY: The boy is holding a catch of Tlingit fish. These fish could well revolutionize fish farming. Scotland's Stirling University Aquatic Pathobiology Unit has discovered that a "simple sex change" operation can produce only male fish, which grow much faster than females and could boost food supplies for the Third World.



TO THE RESCUE: The great adventure is over for Top Cat Charlie. After seven dizzy days trapped high in a tree, he looked perfectly fit — if not a bit smug — as he relaxed in the arms of his owner, seven-year-old Amanda. For 36 hours Britain's army of cat-lovers had worried over how to get him down. Charlie was worried too, as the ideas got wilder and wilder... One plan was to call the R.A.F. but short of an air-to-air missile it was difficult to see what they could do. Someone thought of holding a barbeque under the tree—to tempt Charlie down with the aroma. But in the end a buzz-saw did the trick. Charlie finally made it down, highly indignant, but safe.



A PIGGYBACK CRAWL: If you happen to visit this zoo in England you could be in for a shell shock! For lumbering on the open rocks is one of the unlikeliest double acts in the reptilian world. They are tortoises. The large one is about 80 years-old and the piggyback is refusing to tell her age. Even though these two are from different countries they hit it off well and have become inseparable.



YOU'RE NOT SO CUTE EITHER: Consider... is the pelican a bird of beauty? Can it compare with the bald eagle in majestic flight? Or the falcon as it swoops on its prey? Perhaps not... but the humble bird, with the beak that would do justice to the Concorde and flat feet (webbed of course) is one that inspires warmth and deep feeling—not to mention reminding you of Jimmy Durante!

Although gregarious by nature they are certainly not camera shy as this friendly fowl poses for the photographer (bottom photo) on his own, on the banks of Serpentine Lake in Hyde Park, London.

The top photo shows our Miss Photogenic's playmates as they bask in the winter sunshine of Hyde Park. Not all pelicans are as friendly as our Miss Photogenic. Several attempts to interview the others failed. When they were asked what they thought of Hyde Park and the winter sun, they just kept their bills close to their chests!



I JUST CAN'T BEAR IT: Camera shy and a bit nervous, Chinook makes her debut at the Whipsnade Park Zoo in Bedfordshire, England. When you're a five-month-old polar bear making your first public appearance, everything has to be just right. So it was for Chinook. Even "Mother Nature" cooperated, providing snow for the March 13 grand debut. The weather was just fine for the 401 pound youngster who smuggled up to moon for the occasion. Mom, who prefers to be called Moss, seemed a bit bored by the whole thing. Polar bears have a gestation period slightly less than humans, an average of 240 days. The longevity of the Polar bear is an average of 20 years.



GORILLA COMMUTER SERVICE: It is said that gorillas ape humans... and at the San Diego Animal Park in California anthropologists (and sometimes just ordinary tourists) view the gorillas at play. The photo clearly illustrates the gorilla's notion of rapid public transportation! Actually it is the standard way that a mother gorilla carries her offspring about. A curious fact about gorillas is that only the mother will allow a youngster on her back. If the kid tried that with pop he may well find himself hospitalized for awhile. Like man, the male gorilla is often heard saying... will you get off my back!

Kuwait said cutting crude liftings by 25%

KUWAIT, July 31 (AP) — Kuwait plans to cut oil production by a quarter, from two million barrels to 1.5 million, oil industry sources said Tuesday.

The reduction was decided in view of an anticipated oil surplus on the world market and to conserve supplies, stated the sources that did not wish to be identified. They did not give a date for the change.

The decision followed reports by industry analysts in New York that oil producers planned such a move in an attempt to maintain current high prices.

The analysts said a glut of oil on the world market could undermine the price structure decided by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries last month.

They said world oil supply and demand are moving towards a balance after the shortage in the first half of the year caused by the Iranian revolution. They speculate the balance could cause a market glut, if demand stays moderate, in view of the steep increase in the price of oil that has risen 42 per cent this year.

But analysts skeptical

Dollar makes new gains as gold slips

LONDON, July 31 (AP) — The dollar made sharp gains against key European currencies Tuesday in "thin" currency trading. But analysts noted that the rally could be short-lived.

The price of gold fell in Zurich and London, Europe's main bullion markets, between \$5.50 and \$7.00 an ounce in early trading.

Brokers cited the dollar's upswing and technical factors, such as profit-taking after bullion's big

jump in value in recent weeks. Currency dealers in London reported that small transactions were having a disproportionately heavy impact on the dollar's value.

"In these conditions," one said, "small deals can push the dollar's value up higher than it actually is."

The dollar made one of its best showings against the strong British pound, boosted by Britain's North Sea oil wealth and attractive interest rates in London.

Inflation, interest blamed Market stays unchanged

NEW YORK, July 31 — Fear of continued inflation and higher interest rates contributed to the market's remaining unchanged. At the close, the Dow Jones Industrial Average lost 1.02, transports gained, 39 and utilities lost 13. Volume of trading was 28.6 million shares. Breadth was on the positive side as gainers outnumbered losers by a small margin. The American Exchange Index lost 20.

Growth and glamour issues advanced with Humana up 1 1/2 to 32 1/2, Digital Equipment added 1/2 to 55 1/2, IBM gained 1/2 to 169 1/2, Xerox added 1/2 to 22 1/2, McDonald's up 1/2 to 47 1/2, and ABC gained 1/2 to 45.

Energy issues were mixed with Preprint up 1/2 to 37, Mead lost 1/2 to 60 1/2, Royal Dutch fell 1/2 to

71 1/2, Gulf Oil down 1/2 to 1 1/2, Dresser added 1/2 to 51 1/2, Hughes Tool rose 1/2 to 59 1/2, and United Energy rose 1/2 to 44 1/2. Basic industry issues gained ground with Bethlehem up 1/2 to 21 1/2, Colt Industries rose 1/2 to 44 1/2, Allied Chemicals up 1/2 to 34 1/2, Fort Howard Paper gained 1/2 to 44, and Fleetwood rose 1/2 to 9 1/2. Auto and machinery issues turned in a mixed performance with Ford down 1/2 to 41 1/2 and Parker Hannifin up 1/2 to 26 1/2. Aerospace, airlines and rails advanced with Boeing up 1/2 to 42 1/2, Gas Dynamics up 1/2 to 31, Delta added 1/2 to 43 1/2, and United Airlines up 1/2 to 25 1/2. Electrical equipment issues were unchanged while metals declined. Reynolds Metals down 1/2 to 34 1/2, Alcoa dropped 1/2 to 30 1/2, and St. Joe Minerals lost 1/2 to 38 1/2. Precious metals declined as the price of gold on the Toronto Exchange closed at \$307.

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Algeria seen not reducing oil exports

ALGIERS, July 31 (R) — Foreign press reports that Algeria was cutting oil exports by some 20 per cent have been discounted by Western diplomats in Algiers.

They said Monday the recent decrease in Algerian oil exports was only temporary and due to technical problems at the main Saharan oil field of Hassi Messaoud.

A medium-sized producer, Algeria's output now is just over a million barrels a day of crude oil, not far below its average production.

In Tokyo, where the market closes before Europe's open, the dollar closed at 216.875 yen, a slight improvement on Monday's close.

Some dealers noted that the newly appointed U.S. Treasury Secretary G. William Miller's pledge that Washington will not allow the dollar to deteriorate any further also aided the currency.

Here's how the dollar fared in European markets in morning trading compared to Monday's late dealings:

Paris — 4.2790 French francs, up from 4.25125.

Frankfurt — 1.8363 Deutschmarks, up from 1.8303.

Zurich — 1.6646 Swiss francs, up from 1.6562.

Milan — 823.25 lire, up from 818.65.

Amsterdam — 2.0160 guilders, up from 2.0065.

The price of gold opened in Zurich at \$294.625 an ounce, down \$7.00 from Monday's close. In London, the price slipped \$5.50 to \$294.75.

However, despite gold's downturn after its headlong climb in recent weeks, most bullion experts still believe gold will resume its rise because of concern over currency stability and further spasms of severe inflation.



HUD: A British technician puts finishing touches to the optical system of a head-up display. The HUD is used in strike aircraft to give the pilot a better view of instrument readings at vital moments. The glass in this model has been toughened to withstand strong wind.

Energy package of \$3.4b goes through U.S. House

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives Monday voted a \$3.4 billion energy package aimed at reducing dependence on foreign crude through conservation and development of synthetic fuels.

Targets for the appropriations bill were such Department of Energy programs as conservation, development of oil shale reserves, and conversion of the country's abundant coal reserves to gas and fuel oil.

The House sent the bill to the Senate on a 344-42 vote.

Some \$141 million was included for federal payments to the Husky Oil Co. to drill five more test wells in the national petroleum reserve in Alaska. Also approved was \$45 million

toward the eventual \$1.2 billion cost of two coal conversion plants in West Virginia and Kentucky, although President Jimmy Carter favors paying for the plants with revenue from a so-called windfall profits tax he wants imposed on oil companies.

The energy package was part of a \$10 billion bill which appropriated money as well for programs of the Interior Department and U.S. forest service.

China to start new economic adjustment plan

PEKING, July 31 (AP) — China's three-year readjustment program will overcome the imbalances between agriculture and industry and steadily boost the economy.

An article in the "People's Daily," Monday said, "While there will be increases or decreases and advances or retreats in some areas or departments, the national economy as a whole will steadily advance at a certain pace."

"The present readjustment drive comes at a time when the national economy is rising steadily," wrote Ho Jianshang, commenting in Monday's editions of the paper. He is a member of the economic research department of the state council's planning commission.

"It is a decisive and conscious measure to overcome imbalances that have been discovered in good time," he said.

He said this readjustment is very different from that of the early 1960s when both industrial and agricultural production had dropped. Today, Ho said, both agriculture and industry have stronger bases.

The readjustment emphasizes the development of agriculture and light industry before heavy industry. Currently the expansion of agriculture lags behind the needs of the population and the faster growth of industry.

Furthermore, he said, various industrial sectors are out of balance. Fuel, power and raw materials industries have not kept pace with processing industries.

Oil goes round 'n' round Rotterdam Spot Market booming

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands July 31 (AP) — Telephones jangle while nervous underlings rush in and out of the small wood-paneled office, carrying little white slips of paper that stand in place of thousands of tons of oil products in Rotterdam tanks and on Rhine River barges.

The desk of the oil trader is awash with red-print copies of telexed deals on gasoline, naphtha and fuel oil.

"You can't eat gold and paper money won't heat your home," said the trader. "Oil is the greatest product in the world. I'm in a competitive, speculative market — and let's be honest — I've made some money. ... I built this business myself and I knew times when you couldn't sell a drop of oil to survive. But now — it's fun."

The trader, a well-dressed and assured man in his early 40s, and his assistant argue over the capacity of some oil tanks. The trader peeks out a few figures on his paper-thin calculator and barks the record of his quarter-million-dollar deal into his mini-cassette. He makes a phone call. Sends a telex and the trade is clinched.

The spot oil trader and his market — the dealings in oil that are not tied down to long-term contracts, as almost 95 percent of the world's oil trade is — have come under increased scrutiny due to the explosion of oil prices in recent months.

In Rotterdam, he works in unimpressive surroundings —

offices tucked behind shopping centers or car dealerships in the cement honeycomb of streets that surround the huge docks, tanks and warehouses of the largest port on the world. But his "spot market" is invisible — he doesn't meet other traders or make deals, but places calls and telexes to other dealers, brokers, traders or oil firms who may be located

around the world in such places as Singapore, New York, Hamburg, Milan and London.

Following the revolution in Iran and the removal from the market of the world's second largest oil producer, after Saudi Arabia, every drop of oil came into competition. In the space of days, oil on the spot market jumped from \$20 a barrel to \$38, against the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries' suggested price of \$14.95. Taking the spot market prices as a cue, special premiums were demanded by several oil-producing nations, and eventually OPEC raised its price ceiling to \$23.51.

European Common Market officials report that activity on the spot market has increased from 5 to 8 per cent in the first six months of this year, and trade sources in London have reported that some OPEC countries have sought to re-negotiate spot market prices

for some contracts, or attempted to increase their sales on the market. Recently, however, prices dropped on the market, due to increased supplies that have been made available, most sources report.

The volatile situation on the oil markets has prompted several Western nations — particularly France — to call for measures to cool the market down and participants at the Tokyo summit in June agreed to urge oil companies and oil exporting nations to moderate spot transactions, often made with buyers under pressure to meet short-term contracts.

Eager to show the smallness of the Rotterdam market in relation to the whole and the Netherlands' unwillingness to control a free market, Dutch economic minister Cijss Van Aardenne called for a study of the Rotterdam market "because there is a great deal of ignorance" about its workings.

Canada economic strength reportedly may taper off

PARIS, July 31 (AP) — Canadian economic growth should remain at about 3.5 per cent through the first half of this year but eventually will be affected by the slower growth of output and imports among its main trading partners, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development reported Monday.

In its annual survey of Canada, the 24-member OECD, made up of the world's major non-Communist nations, said the short-term impact of oil price hikes is likely to be felt less in Canada than other Western nations.

Total domestic demand could expand by 3.5 per cent on average in 1979, compared with a growth

of 2.6 per cent last year, firming to an annual rate of 4 per cent in the first six months of 1980.

Industrial production is likely to be "buoyant" and output in certain sectors such as steel, textiles and pulp-paper could be restrained by physical capacity limitations rather than demand, the report said.

Unemployment may rise to 8.5 per cent of the labor force in the second half of this year from 8 per cent in the first half and remain at that level through the first half of 1980, the survey said.

Imports and exports of goods and services are both forecast to rise by 6 per cent this year after increases of 4.1 and 8.5 per cent respectively in 1978.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Municipality of Medina	Equipment for environmental health laboratory	13	200	July 31
" " "	Repairs to the slaughter-house	15	2000	Aug. 4
" " "	Supply of garbage incinerators	16	300	Aug. 4
Municipality of Qadif	Cleaning of town and adjacent areas		1000	Aug. 6
Municipality of Mecca	Demolition of dilapidated houses and removal of rubble	7	500	Aug. 6
" " "	Maintenance of permanent lavatories	8	100	Aug. 6



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100 Swiss Franc	203.03
100 French Franc	79.03
Belgian Franc	11.72
1000 Italian Lira	4.15
100 Danish Kroner	64.53
Swedish Kroner	80.20
100 Norwegian Kroner	66.47
100 Japanese Yen	15.59
Egyptian Pound	4.69
Kuwaiti Dinar	12.25
Jordanian Dinar	11.27
Bahraini Dinar	8.87
1000 Lebanese Lira	103.86
100 Syrian Lira	86.48
100 Qatar Riyal	89.97
100 Yemeni Riyal	74.00
Emirates Dirhams	88.58
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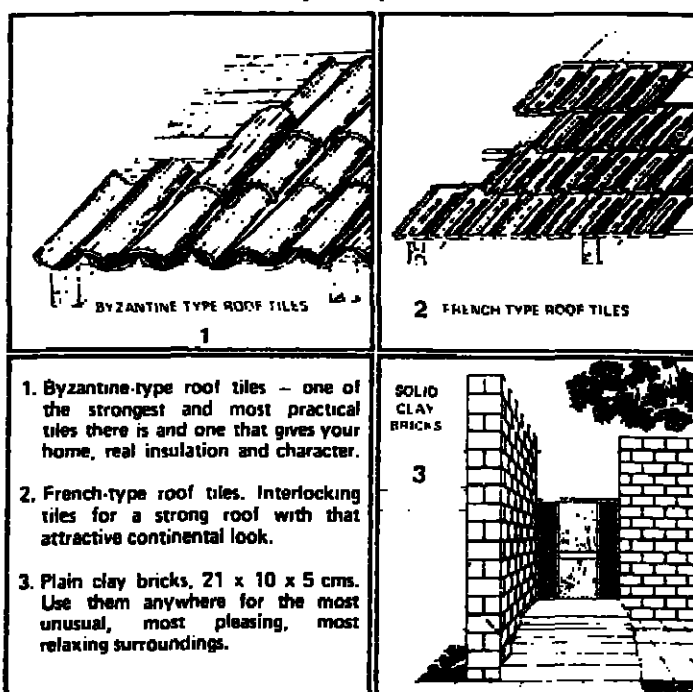


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As meeting starts today Commonwealth split looms larger

LUSAKA, July 31 (AP) — Biting the biennial Commonwealth summit as the only real dialogue between the rich and poor nations of the world, Commonwealth officials said Tuesday that the avoidance of a split in the 39-nation association over Zimbabwe Rhodesia will be an achievement in itself.

Commonwealth Secretary General Shridath Ramphal was speaking as behind-the-scenes maneuvering aimed at avoiding an all-out row intensified here on the eve of the weeklong summit.

British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher was again the center of renewed attacks in Zambia's state-controlled press Tuesday.

Ramphal told more than 200 journalists who have converged on this central African nation on the frontline of the war in Zimbabwe Rhodesia, "the Commonwealth has shown a great capacity to outlive its transient threats."

The former foreign minister of Guyana, who is the Commonwealth's top career official, said there was no expectation of "getting it all together" on the Zimbabwe Rhodesian issue at the summit.



Abel Muzorewa



Margaret Thatcher

What was sought, he said, was "convergence of opinion on the way forward" on Rhodesia.

His remarks underlined the opinion of some observers that Commonwealth nations will seek to overcome the immediate threat of division with a wide-ranging rather than a definite action plan on Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

Ramphal added: "I would think that achieving the avoidance of a split was an achievement."

Major industrialized Western nations met in Tokyo last month and the poor would confer in

Havana, Cuba, next month, said Ramphal.

"But our deliberations are unique. It is a meeting between peoples, governments and countries that do not always see things exactly the same way, but who have got essentially the same problems and perceptions of the world..."

Meanwhile, leaders of the five black-ruled frontline states, which harbor the Communist-armed guerrillas fighting to topple the Zimbabwe Rhodesia administration, met in special session until the early hours Tuesday morning.

They dispersed without making a formal statement, but warned Britain midway through the talks late Monday not to "defy African opinion" on Zimbabwe Rhodesia at the week-long biennial summit, which formally opens here Wednesday.

The leaders of the two non-Commonwealth members among the front-liners, Angola's President Agostinho Neto and Mozambique's Samora Machel, flew home Tuesday morning.

The other frontliners — Zambia, Tanzania and Botswana — appeared lined up to take a tough line against what they regard as Mrs. Thatcher's sympathetic attitude toward the embattled administration of Bishop Abel Muzorewa in Zimbabwe Rhodesia, Zambia's southern neighbor.

Meanwhile, Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser... was emerging as a key figure in peacemaking moves over Zimbabwe Rhodesia.

Fraser, who heads one of the four wealthy white countries in the mainly African and Asian 39-nation association of Britain and its former colonies, was scheduled to confer here privately with Mrs. Thatcher Wednesday afternoon, British officials said.

The Australian leader, who like Mrs. Thatcher heads a Conservative government, has — according to Australian government sources — already put to Nigeria a loose plan on Zimbabwe Rhodesia. Nigeria is the most powerful nation in black Africa.

The Australian aim is believed to be to persuade African states to accept that a black-dominated government in Zimbabwe Rhodesia has brought about a changed situation, while endorsing the African view that Muzorewa's administration cannot be recognized while the strong white-minority influence continues and the seven-year-old guerrilla war rages on.

Britain's two women leaders, Queen Elizabeth II, head of the Commonwealth, and Mrs. Thatcher, Europe's first woman prime minister, were also due to meet Tuesday for the first time in history outside Britain.



BARBECUE: A recent collision between two tractor trailers on New York's George Washington Bridge was quite a picnic. One of the trucks contained cleaned chicken parts, and the other was a load of barbecue sauce. Only problem was that the resulting dish was too hot to eat.

Portugal's new premier names cabinet selections

LISBON, July 31 (AP) — Premier-designate Maria De Lourdes Pintassilgo announced formation of a new government on Monday, 11 days after she was given the responsibility of seeing the country through autumn elections.

Miss Pintassilgo's office released the official 16-member cabinet list two hours after the leader of a small left-wing party gave the list to reporters at her temporary headquarters in suburban Oeiras.

Pintassilgo, 49, picked by President Antonio Ramalho Eanes on July 19 to form Portugal's third non-party executive in less than a year, finished picking her cabinet last Friday and submitted the list to Eanes over the weekend. She was scheduled to present the cabinet at a news conference Tuesday.

The new Cabinet includes four

members of outgoing Prime Minister Carlos Mota Pinto's government. Foreign Minister Joao Freitas Cruz and Defense Minister Joao Loureiro dos Santos were to retain their positions.

DC-10 cracks laid to American Airline's maintenance program

ROSEMONT, Illinois July 31 (AP) — Maintenance procedures blamed for a crack in a DC-10 pylon saved American Airlines about 50 man-hours each time it serviced an engine, a metallurgist testified Monday at the start of hearings into the worst air disaster in the United States.

Michael Marx, a metallurgist for the National Transportation Safety Board, testified as the board opened a two-week hearing into the crash of American Airlines Flight 191 on take-off from Chicago's O'Hare International Airport May 25. The left engine fell away as the plane lifted off and the jet plunged to the ground, killing 273 persons.

Marx said that a crack in the pylon which supported the engine beneath the wing was caused by the airline's maintenance procedures.

By removing the engine and pylon together, American Airlines was able to save about 50 man-hours of time on each engine it serviced, Marx said.

Marx said American's maintenance crews removed both the engine and its pylon as a unit rather than separately.

Then, in order to re-attach the engine to the wing, the crew had to force the connection to fit, making a bend in the engine mounting structure which eventually led to a crack, he said.

"It's just common sense the they could very well have caused the crack then," Marx said. "The deformation had to be made while this thing (the engine pylon) was detached."

The McDonnell Douglas Corp which makes the DC-10, says the engine and pylon should be removed separately, to reduce strain.

William Robinson, a mechanic who worked on the ill-fate DC-10 during its last maintenance check in March, admitted that he and other mechanics did not follow exactly the sequence of steps in a work order issued by American.

UAE sends message to Qaboos

MUSCAT, July 31 (R) — Sultan Qaboos of Oman has received a message from United Arab Emirates (UAE) President Sheikh Zaid bin Sultan Al Nahayan or bilateral relations and Arab developments.

Oman radio said the message was delivered by UAE Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Rashid bin Abdullah to the Sultan's advisor Thuwaini bin Shehab.

'Before it's too late' SALT II backed by Kissinger

WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, saying the "military balance is beginning to tilt ominously against the United States," Tuesday gave his highly qualified endorsement of the SALT II Treaty. (See related story, Page 4)

In a long-awaited appearance before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Kissinger said: "After much reflection I have concluded that I can support ratification only with three conditions:

"First, if it is coupled with a defense program representing an obligatory understanding between the Congress and the President which overcomes on an urgent basis the grave peril posed by the current military balance.

"Second, if it is accompanied by amendments — not requiring renegotiation — clearing up ambiguities in the Treaty, defining the status of the protocol, the meaning of noncircumvention, and setting guidelines for follow-on negotiations.

"And third, if it is accompanied by a vigorous expression of the Senate's view of the linkage between SALT and Soviet geopolitical conduct."

Kissinger strongly opposed efforts to amend the Treaty in ways that would force reopening of negotiations with the Soviet Union.



Henry Kissinger

He singled out the suggestion that the Senate include a provision requiring the Soviets to reduce their force of giant SS18 missiles, far larger than any in the U.S. arsenal.

"Such amendments are almost certain to be rejected by the Soviets," he said, adding that reopening negotiations could delay the buildup of U.S. forces.

"We might thus wind up with-

out either SALT or a strengthened defense," said Kissinger.

The former Secretary of State acknowledged that linking SALT II to a military buildup would make the Treaty "far from the turn in the arms race many of us hoped for when the negotiations were inaugurated."

"But too much time has been lost, too many weapons systems have been unilaterally abandoned, too many military adventures have been encouraged by the Soviet Union, the geopolitical balance has been too severely strained by Soviet pressures, for SALT to be much more than a base from which, one can hope, a new and serious effort at equitable arms reduction can be made."

Kissinger sharply criticized the administration of President Jimmy Carter for its decision to cancel the BI Bomber and delay moving ahead with several other strategic programs.

"We now face the challenge of the early '80s with forces designed in the '60s," he said.

Sithole rejoins Rhodesia government after boycott

SALISBURY, July 31 (AP) — Ndebaning Sithole announced Tuesday his political party had ended its boycott of the two-month-old government, strengthening Prime Minister Abel

Muzorewa's case for international recognition.

Sithole, Muzorewa's chief political rival inside the country, announced he and his 11 elected members of parliament would take their seats in the 100-strong National Assembly one day before the opening of the Commonwealth conference in neighboring Zambia.

Sithole told a news conference his Zimbabwe African National Union was satisfied it had made its point about alleged "gross irregularities" in the universal suffrage vote in April.

Explaining his decision to end the boycott, Sithole said the government of national unity — 72 blacks of three rival parties and 28 whites — was losing momentum.

ZANU, he asserted, would strengthen the government by joining it to "rescue African interests now being dangerously compromised."

The ZANU boycott weakened Muzorewa's claims to speak for the seven million Zimbabwe Rhodesians.

At least U.S. motel fire kills 10

CAMBRIDGE, Ohio, July 31 (AP) — A fire swept through a Holiday Inn on the outskirts of this east-central Ohio community early Tuesday, and at least 10 persons were killed. About 60 persons were taken to a hospital for treatment of injuries.

The assistant manager of the motel, Mike Dawson, said all but four of the 107 rooms were occupied overnight. The exact number of persons in the motel at the time was not known.

Local officials said firefighters were continuing to search the 10-year-old, two-story structure

It's all in what you think you're eating

NEW DELHI, July 31 (R) — Restaurant owners in the south Indian city of Madras have been warned by the state government not to serve peacocks disguised as chickens.

The "Hindustan Standard" newspaper said menus often list chicken but customers who believe peacock meat makes them more vigorous are told the birds' true identity.

The peacock, India's national bird, is protected by law.

U.S. Coast Guard recruits pigeons for spotting duty

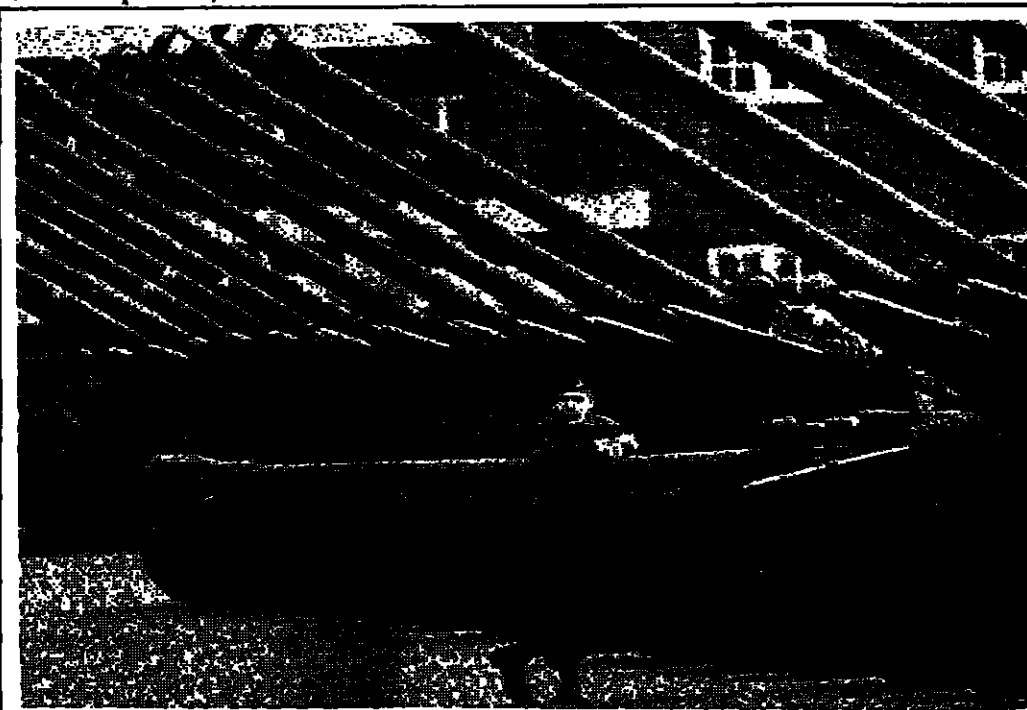
WASHINGTON, July 31 (AP) — The U.S. Coast Guard's search and rescue service is getting a flock of shaggy recruits who might otherwise be loitering in city parks looking for handouts.

The recruits are pigeons being trained at a U.S. Navy laboratory on the Hawaiian Island of Kailua as "Rescue Squads" under a \$145,000 two-year program.

Ten birds are expected to be ready for flight duty in October, after undergoing training as Coast Guard aerial spotters, the Washington Post said Tuesday.

Three pigeons trained in an earlier experimental program proved to be far superior to humans in spotting floating targets in the Pacific Ocean, said a new report by the Naval Ocean Systems Laboratory.

On 89 test runs, it said, the pigeons spotted 90 per cent of the targets and signaled the pilot by pecking on a special pedal. By contrast, members of the air crew found only 38 per cent of the targets. And the birds found the targets first nearly every time.



LONELY DUTY: In the British Army, you can be a soldier when you are 17, but you can't fight until you turn 18. So 17-year-old gunner Kevin Sessions was left in solitary splendor recently when his regiment was transferred to Northern Ireland.

Carter talks energy on Kentucky tour

WASHINGTON, July 31 (R) — President Jimmy Carter visited Kentucky Tuesday to argue the merits of his ambitious energy program and fulfill a pledge to renew his links with ordinary Americans.

The trip was his first to the American heartland since his speech on July 15 in which he sought to rally the nation behind a big program to reduce American reliance on imported oil.

He said then that he had decided to break away from what he termed the isolated world of Washington and "reach out and listen to the voices of America."

Tuesday's trip included a question-and-answer session at a town meeting in a high school gymnasium in Bardonia, Kentucky.

Earlier, Mr. Carter visited a power plant near Louisville and gave a speech which White House sources said concentrated on energy.

The sources said they felt the time was on Mr. Carter's side in his bid to persuade Congress to enact major elements of the energy program, particularly a bill to tax excess profits earned by oil companies.

The government needs the money from the windfall profits tax to finance the energy program which will cost an estimated \$142.2 billion in the next decade.

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